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Amongſt the *Indians*

In New England:

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A Relation of the Confeſsions made by ſeveral *Indians* (in the preſence of the Elders and Members of ſeveral Churches) in order to their admiſſion into Church-fellowſhip.

Sent over to the Corporation for Propagating the Goſpel of *Jeſus Chriſt* amongſt the *Indians* in *New England* at *London*, by Mr *John Elliot* one of the Laborers in the Word amongſt them.

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TO ALL

That love the Lord *Jesus Christ* in sincerity, and have a zeal for the propagation of Gospel-light, to those who sit in darkness, Grace and peace be multiplyed.

Brethren,

IT *was the holy ambition and strife of the Apostle* Paul (*that chosen Vessel to bear the Name of Christ before the Gentiles*) to preach the Gospel where Christ was not named, lest hee should seem to build upon another mans foundation, *Rom.* 15.20.

To hand on a good work begun by another is very commendable, and shall not loose its reward; but to break the ice and begin a good work is very honourable, and shall surely have a great reward. I am much perswaded it hath been the gracious strife, I am sure it hath been the lot of many of our faithfull Brethren, in New England, *to preach the Gospel where Christ was not named before; and the Lord hath given a signal Testimony, that they have not laboured in vain. Wee reade of the* First-fruits of *Achaia* unto *Christ* (Rom. 16.5. *and again,* 1 Cor. 16.15.)

Wee have also heard both of the First-fruits *and* Second-fruits of *India* in *New England* unto Christ; *and these are a fair assurance of a plentifull harvest there in due time. A blessed Foundation is laid, yea, the Building begins to appear above ground, in the visible profession or professed subjection of many poor Souls unto the Gospel of Christ. May wee not therefore hopefully expect, that the* Top-stone *shall be set up with a shout of* Grace, Grace *to it?*

Hee that attentively readeth the Report, which is made in the following Collection of the Examinations and Confessions of several Native Indians, *who have been wrought upon by the preaching of the Word in the Wilderness, will see much cause to admire the free grace and goodness of God to them, as also his mighty power and the revealing of his arme in them. What strong and clear convictions of sin, both of the sinfulness of their natures, and of the sins of their lives have they been under, who lay (before) dead in trespasses and sins, wholly alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that was in them? What strugglings and strivings with corruption and temptation do they speak of, before they could come off from sin, and from*

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that vain converſation received by tradition from their Fore-fathers? What wreſtlings had they with unbelief, before they could cloſe with Chriſt in the promiſe? What full reſignations of themſelves have they made to the commands of Chriſt after cloſing with him by faith in the promiſe? Yea, what hungrings and thirſtings do ſome of them expreſs for more intimate communion with Chriſt in attendance upon all his Ordinances in a Church-ſtate or holy Fellowſhip with his People?

Surely, what theſe late Aliens from the Common-wealth of Iſrael *have found and declared (as their ſpiritual experiences) about the dealings of God with their hearts, in bringing them off from ſin, and home to himſelf, may ſhame many among us, who have been born and bred up in the aire and ſound of the Goſpel all their dayes.*

I may, not unfitly, make uſe of thoſe Propheſies of Moſes *and* Eſaias *concerning the Jewes and Gentiles (and ſo applyed by the Apoſtle* Paul, *Rom.* 10.19,20,21.) *in this preſent caſe between us in* England *and the* Indians. *The Lord hath begun to* provoke us to Jealouſie by them that were no people, and by a fooliſh Nation hee hath angred us, hee is

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found of them that ſought him not, hee is made manifeſt to them that asked not after him, but all the day long hath hee ſtretched out his hands unto us a diſobedient and gainſaying people. *Converſions are grown ſomewhat rare (that's ſad) in* England; *and ſuch accounts of Converſion much more rare. And as we finde but few able to give any paßable account of their converſion to God, ſo wee finde not a few offended at the requiring and taking of it, before admißion into compleat Church-communion. Wee have many who profeß the Religion they were born in, but wee have (comparatively) only a few, who profeß Religion upon the evidences of their New-Birth. And that's one great reaſon why the Church and the world, the pretious and the vile, are in ſo lamentable a mixture in moſt places at this day.*

It were a very deſireable mercy, that the practiſe and example of our native Brethren, yea, of the native Indians *in* New England *might kindle in us the fire of a bleſſed emulation in this matter; and that the Miniſters of the Goſpel would every where exſpect and diligently enquire after ſome hopefull proofs of the work of Grace from all thoſe, who, in their own right, partake of thoſe higher*

higher Priviledges, the Seals of the Covenant of Grace. Doubtleſs, then, Churches would appear more like Churches in the beauties of Holineſs, and the fruits of the preſence of Chriſt would be more glorioufly viſible in them. The great thing which wee (upon whom the ends of the world are come) ſhould earneſtly pray, endeavour and wait for is, that the new Jeruſalem *may be ſeen coming down from heaven, like a Bride adorned for her Husband; and to be any way, rightly, inſtrumentall for the bringing in of this glory, is a piece of the beſt Glory which wee are capable of on this ſide our heavenly Glory.*

'Twas therefore a very gracious as well as a noble Deſign, to create and eſtabliſh a Corporation in this our England, *to receive, improve, mannage, and iſſue a free contribution and the profits ariſing from it for the conſtant ſupport, encouragement, and promotion of this work of Chriſt in That Other* England. *Nor can wee but with much thankfulneſs to God take notice of the liberal charity of many who have already contributed to it, as alſo of the faithfulneſs, diligence, prudence, and Godly zeal of thoſe worthy Perſons who are entruſted with the diſpoſal of thoſe Contributions. And becauſe, as the whole Work is great, ſo there*

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are some great parts of it now in hand, as the Printing of **Davids Psalms** *and the* **New Testament** *(besides an intendment of printing the whole* **Bible***) in the* **Indian** *Language, which must needs be a work of great charge as well as of excellent use, (for these reasons I say) it would be a most acceptable Charity, either to procure or advance additional Contributions. How can any honour the Lord better with their perishing substance, then by forwarding a Design which may be a means to keep thousands of Souls from perishing? Yea, what an honour will it be to this whole Nation, that the Holy Bible should be printed in our dayes and at our cost in a Language and for a Nation which never had it to this day? That this blessed and beautifull Undertaking for the gathering in of those poor Souls, who yet wander in that Howling wilderness, to the Flock and fold of Christ (the Great Shepherd of the Sheep) may not want their compassionate and chearfull assistance, who are already (through grace) gathered into his holy flocks and folds, is the hearty desire and prayer of*

The 6th of the first Moneth, 1659.

Sirs,

Your affectionate friend to serve you in the Lord,

JOSEPH CARYL.

A brief Relation received from Mr John Elliott *of the late Proceedings with the* Indians *in* New England, *in order to their admiſsion into Church-fellowſhip. In the year of our Lord* 1659. *The fifth day of the fifth Moneth.*

THis is the third time that the Praying *Indians* (ſome of them) have been called forth into publick, to make open confeſſion of the Name of Chriſt, to come under the publick tryal of Gods people, whether they be indeed Chriſtians, as fit matter for a Goſpel Church. Truth loveth and ſeeketh the light.

I was ſtirred up hereunto, and quickened by Letters from *England*. The Lord put it into the hearts of ſuch as are honourable, reverend, and of eminent ſervice to Chriſt in *England*, to move mee, before I moved. When I moved this laſt time, I perceived that it was the general inclination of the Spirit of the Saints, both Magiſtrates, Elders, and others, that (at leſt ſome of the principal of them) ſhould (for a ſeaſon) be ſeaſoned in Church-fellowſhip, in communion with our *Engliſh* Churches, before they ſhould be Churches among

themſelves. And when it was *Objected*, What ſhould the reſt of the people do, if the principal and moſt able ſhould not keep their Sabbaths among them? It was *Anſwered*, That their uſual Sabbath converſation ſhould be at home among their own people, only ſometime to be among the *Engliſh*; viz. for participation of the Seals, the Sacraments of Baptiſm and the Lords Supper, and for any ſpecial Exerciſe of Diſcipline. When it was Queſtioned what *Engliſh* Church they ſhould joyn unto? All with one mouth ſaid, that *Roxbury* Church was called of God to be firſt in that ſervice of Chriſt to receive the praying *Indians*. In the accompliſhment whereof, I yielded my ſelf up to follow counſel in the Lord. The Elders offered themſelves, on ſome Lecture day, to meet (if need were) at *Roxbury* Lecture, then to ſpeak with the Church, to perſwade to an unanimous accord, in receiving the *Indians* for a ſeaſon; which accordingly they did: and the Lord was ſo effectually preſent in that meeting, that all Objections, ſo far as I know, were ſilenced. Soon after, our Church paſſed a Vote for the receiving of the *Indians*. The Elders of *Roxbury* called eight of them to a private preparatory Confeſſion, in order to our publick proceeding. Wee gave notice of the time and place of this meeting, and many were preſent to hear them, both men and women; which Confeſſions I ſhall here ſet down, for reaſons which ſeem to mee to have much weight; and they are as followeth.

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An Abbreviate of the Confeſſions of ſome of the Indians, *which they made before the Elders of* Roxbury, *(ſundry Chriſtian people being preſent, both men and women) the 15th day of the ſecond Moneth, 1659. preparatory, in order to their admiſſion into the Church.*

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OH God of Grace and Salvation, help mee by thy ſpirit to confeſſe truth and grace, in the preſence of God.

1 I confeſſe, that I have now learned out of *Gen.* 5.1. that God made man in the Image of God, and *Adam* lived 130 years, and begot a Son in his own Image, *ver.*3. which then was not the Image of God, but by reaſon of the fall, was the Image of *Satan*; and that Image of *Satan* hee did communicate to us, ſo that wee are all born in ſin, and ſo I lived.

After wee pray'd to God about three years, my heart was not yet right, but I deſired to run wilde, as alſo ſundry others did. Then I underſtood, that the Lord did make heaven, earth, ſea, and all creatures, and alſo

man, and therefore I understood that God made mee. Yet I being young, I was still vain, and ran about; and I liked to do acts of youth and vanity, and lust, as others did. And I went to *Pawwauing* among others, and these things I loved throughly, and they grew in my heart, and had nourishment there, and especially lust; if I cut my hair, it was with respect to lust, to please women; if I had long hair, it was with respect to lust, and all I did was with respect to lust and women; when there was meetings, drinkings, sports, they respected lust, and these things I perfectly loved. When the Minister came to teach us, hee taught, and I came to meeting; but I came to look upon women, I understood not what hee taught; sometimes I came, and understood nothing at all, only I look't on women. About two years after, I began to understand what the Minister preached: I understood that Scripture *Jam.* 1. *Hee that doubteth is like a wave of the sea, driven of the windes and tossed; and if any man lack wisedom, let him ask it of God.* This I understood, yet I only understood it, but it was very hard to believe. Afterward, I heard out of *Gen.6.* that God spoke concerning man, *I will destroy man whom I have made, because God saw that the way of man was corrupt before him*; and this troubled mee. And again, in the same Chapter it is said, *That God saw that the iniquity of man was great upon the earth, and that every imagination of the thought of his heart is only evil continually*; this troubled mee, for I saw the roots of sin in my heart: yet it was hard to believe. Again, in that *6.* of *Gen.* God rebuked that sin in man, which was my sin, and then my heart was troubled. Sometime my heart said, it is better to

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run wilde as I did before, then to pray to God; for if now I ſin, or commit luſt, I ſhall be puniſhed, or put in priſon; but if I run wilde, I have liberty to ſin without danger: but I was aſhamed of ſuch thoughts, and repented; but yet I doubted.

After half a year I heard the Miniſter preach this; That *Chriſt his death is of infinite value, but our death is little worth; God is ſatisfied with the death of Chriſt, and promiſeth to pardon our ſins for Chriſt his ſake, if wee believe in Chriſt: wee deſerve to die, but Chriſt ſtandeth in our ſtead, and dyeth for us, and ſo ſaveth us from death.* Next time the Miniſter came, hee asked, what I remembred of this I now ſpoke of: and I did remember it, and do remember it to this day; and I deſire to pray to God as long as I live. I believe Chriſt dyed for ſinners, but I doubted concerning my ſelf. Then I heard this promiſe; *If you repent and believe, you ſhall have pardon and be ſaved*: and therefore ſometime I believe, and ſometimes I doubt again. Afterward, I had temptation to drinking, and to vain courſes, nigh half a year; yet when Sabbath came, my heart would turn to God; when the Soldiers came upon us on the Sabbath, while wee were at meeting, and made us bring our guns hither: then my heart ſaid, Sure God hath not ſaid, Keep the Sabbath day holy; and then my heart caſt off God, yet it was only in my heart. When wee came to the Magiſtrates, and *Cutſhamoquin* asked, Why they came on the Sabbath day? my heart was troubled, and I did believe, when wee went from the Magiſtrates. I was thirſty, and I drank a great deal; and I was drunk, and was carried before the Magiſtrates, and then I was aſhamed. Then I came to the

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Miniſters houſe, and I was greatly aſhamed; and my heart ſaid, Sure I have now caſt off praying to God; but I repented and cryed to God, Oh God, pardon all my ſins, and this my ſin; for my ſins are great. I had other temptations to drinking, and I found my heart weak, and doubting, but my heart was troubled, and I was ready to ſtumble like a little weak childe.

After this, I heard that word of God, Mat.12. *Do yee not remember what David did on the Sabbath day, and was blameleſſe?* Then I thought the Souldiers did not ſin; but then I ſaw that I was a great ſinner, and that I had broken the Sabbath.

Again, I heard that word, Mat.3. *Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewen down and caſt into the fire*: and this troubled mee, becauſe I had evil fruits.

Again, Mat.6. Chriſt ſaith, *Be ye not like hypocrites, which ſeem to pray before men.* I thought this was my caſe, I did only pray before men, but I doubted of Chriſt and his Grace.

Again, Mat.5. *Who ever breaks the leaſt of Gods Commandements, and teach men ſo to do, ſhall be leaſt in the Kingdom of heaven.* Then I was troubled, becauſe I had been an active ſinner, in luſt, and other ſins, and I was worſe then a beaſt in my ſins. Then I cryed to God, Oh Chriſt pardon all my great ſins, Oh Chriſt have mercy on mee, Oh God remember mee, to pardon all my ſins. Thus I cryed and deſired pardon, but I was weak in believing. But then, about two years after, I was greatly troubled about my weakneſs: I deſired to do well, but I was weak: Then I cryed to God, Oh God help mee by thy ſpirit in mee, and ſend thy

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ſpirit into my heart. Sometimes I read and taught on the Sabbath day, but weakly. Then I heard, *Mat.* 23. Chriſt bid the people *do what the Scribes and Phariſees ſaid, but not do as they do.* I ſaid (Lord) that is my caſe; I teach better then I do: and therefore I deſired repentance for my ſin, and to forſake my ſin. Then *Mat.*7. Chriſt ſaith, *Thou hypocrite, firſt caſt the beam out of thy own eye, and then thou mayſt ſee clearly to caſt the mote out of thy brothers eye.* My heart ſaid, Truly it is ſo; I teach others, but I do not well my ſelf; I reprove ſin, and yet I do it. Then was my heart weary, and I deſired again to do well, and amend, but I found my ſelf very weak. Sometime my heart hated praying to God, and meeting on the Sabbath dayes; and therefore I ſee I deſerve hell torments: and then I cryed, Oh Chriſt pardon all theſe my ſins. Then afterward my heart deſired ſtrongly to pray unto God, but I ſaw I deſerved miſery and puniſhment, and I was weak. Then I deſired my heart might be made ſtrong by Church-covenant, Baptiſm, and the Lords Supper, which might be as a Fort to keep me from enemies, as a Fort keepeth us from our outward enemies. Yet my heart was ſometime backward, and ſaid, No matter, do it not, but ſtill do what thy heart would have thee. And I ſaw Satan did thus follow mee with theſe temptations to misbelief and doubting. But now I ſee Satan tempteth mee, becauſe hee deſireth I ſhould be ever tormented with him. Then I learned that in *John 6. I am the true bread, and hee that eateth mee ſhall live for ever, and hee that drinketh my blood ſhall have life; but hee that doth not eat my fleſh and drink my blood ſhall not have life.* Then my heart ſaith, Truth Lord, that is

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my case. Again I learnt, *John 3. Hee that believeth shall not perish, but have eternal life:* And my heart said, Yea Lord, let it be so.

Again, *Mat. 16.* Christ saith, *Thou art* Peter *a Rock, and on this Rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it:* Therefore my heart said, I desire this; because *Christ dwells in the Church, and is in the midst of them, where two or three are met together in my name.* Oh! I do therefore desire Church Ordinances, that I might be with Christ, and that I might have the Seals. *Mat. 3.* Christ sayes, *Let it be: for it is necessary that I should fulfill all righteousnes:* My heart said, Oh that I might also so do O Lord, now my heart desireth and thirsteth; Oh God have mercy on mee and pity my weakness, that I may have pardon in Christ, and strength from Christ in all his Ordinances, and that I might leave all my sins; and Oh God pardon all my sins for thy mercies sake; I know not what to do I am so weak, Oh God help, and have mercy on mee. And the same I desire of you, before whom I am in this house, help mee; for *Mat. 16. whom yee binde on earth are bound in heaven, and whom yee loose on earth are loosed in heaven:* and my desire is, that Christ would pardon all my sins, and that I may be helped.

Elder Heath *propounded this Question, which hee answered in broken English.*

Question. *Whether doth Satan still tempt you with former lusts and temptations? and what do you when you are tempted?*

Answer.

Answer to the first part. Yes, alwaies to this day. *To the second part*: When Devil comes, I sometime too much believe him, but sometime I remember to do Gods Word, because Gods Word is all one a sword, and breaks the Devils temptations.

Deacon *Park* propounded this Question, *What is it in sin, why hee hateth it now more then before?*

Answ. his answer in broken English. I did love sin, but now not all one so, because I hear Gods Word, and that shewes mee, that which I loved is evil, and will bring mee to hell, therefore I love it not now.

Deacon *Park* urged, *Doth hee hate sin because it is against God?*

Answ. That chiefly.

Anthony.

FIrst, I make confession in the presence of God, and of all these Elders: and this I confesse, that I am not able to speak before the Lord, yet I do it according as God requireth I should. Assuredly I am a sinner, but now I hope Christ hath taught mee his Word; Oh let him (my Lord!) help mee to speak it.

I confesse, that in my mothers belly I was defiled in sin: my father and mother prayed to many gods, and I heard them when they did so; and I did so too, because my parents did so: and in my childhood, (afore I could act sin) I did delight in it, as dancing and Pawwaug: and when they did so, they prayed to many gods, as Beasts, Birds, Earth, Sea, Trees, &c. After I was born, I did all such things. I loved lust when I was

a youth, though I did act these lusts but a little. But when I had a little begun, my heart did very much desire more to do such sins: I saw the *English* keep Sabbath; I cared not, but played, and catch't birds, or any thing: yet when I saw *Englishmen*, I ran away, on the Sabbath day, because they should not see mee. As yet I knew not of great sins, as Murder, Adultery: then some *Indians* said we must pray to God. When I was in *English* houses, I saw them pray, and I thought it a vain work. They said there was but one God; I thought, nay, there be many Gods. When *Indians* said, Wee will pray, my heart said, No; I will not so long as I live. Yet I heard more and more of praying to God, and that my brothers prayed to God; but my heart said, Praying to God is vain. After I heard *Waban* did pray, and my brothers, *Wompooas*, and *Toteswoomp*; yet my heart said, No: I am well enough, I have not so sinned as other men, I am no Murderer, Adulterer, *&c.* Then I ran away; yet I was not much troubled, because my brothers prayed. A little after I came, and my brother said to mee; I pray you pray to God. I answered him not, but my heart said, No: yet I was troubled, because I heard my brothers. I thought, if any should kill my brothers, I would kill him: if any Warrs were, I would go with my brothers; only I thought of my love to my brothers: and then that, if my brother make Warr, I would go with him, to kill men. Now he prayes, shall not I go with my brother? And my brothers love me, and they both pray to God, why should not I? They prayed morning and evening; and when they eat, and on Sabbath dayes, then I thought I would do so: but

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it was not for love of God, or fear of God, but becauſe I loved my brothers. Again, when I came to *Noonantam*, I heard the Miniſter preach, and I deſired to hear what he taught: and he taught, but I underſtood not, but thought they were vain words, becauſe I underſtood not. Then after I coming to hear, I heard ſome youths muſt go dwell at *Roxbury*. My brother ſaid to me, Go you; becauſe you may learn *Smithery*: For that reaſon I did go, but deſired not to learn to pray: all theſe things were vain. When we came to *Roxbury*, I ſaid, I deſired to learn *Smithery*: But my Maſter ſaid, I may not teach him my Trade, leſt *Indians* learn to make Locks and Guns. Then I would not dwell with him, and thought to caſt off praying, and thought I would forſake my brothers. My brother perſwaded mee to dwell one year there, but I would not: yet at laſt I did dwell there one year, and went to meeting, but in vain, for I underſtood not one word. After that year, I returned to *Noonantam*, and then I heard that God made all the world, but yet I did not pray to God one jot, but ſtill I ſinned, and eſpecially the ſin of Luſt, & I made light of any ſin. I heard, and underſtood the Commands of God, *Thou ſhalt not murder, commit adultery, ſteal, bear falſe witneſs, covet*; and that made me afraid to commit ſin afore man, leſt I ſhould be puniſhed or put to death, but I feared not God. After I heard the Miniſter ask, *Who made you?* A. *God*: and *Who redeemed you?* A. *Chriſt*: and *Who muſt ſanctifie you? The holy Ghoſt*, and that God made Heaven, Earth, Sea, *&c.* then I a little conſidered of God, who made all this world, and then I was afraid. I ſaw that no man could make theſe things, and that therefore we

must pray to God. Then my heart said, Assuredly it is so; God made all things, and made mee, and I must pray to him. After this, my brothers were sick, and I prayed God, O that they may live! and then I heard, that now God tryeth mee whether I will pray or no. I confesse I have done many sins, especially lust, though I had not been a Murderer, or the like. But then my brothers and kindred dyed: then my heart said, Sure it's a vain thing to pray to God; for I prayed, yet my friends dye: therefore I will run wilde, and did cast off praying, I did not pray morning and night, and at meat, only on the Sabbath day I came to meeting, but I cared not for hearing, nor did I believe any thing I heard, but I still lived in sin, and my heart said, I will run away; for here we are hindred from sin, in other places I may freely sin. Then my brothers which lived were troubled for mee. Then I said I will abide with my brothers, because I love them, but not because I would pray.

Then that Winter God broke my head; I knew but little, I was almost dead: Then my heart said, Now I know God is angry with mee for my sins, and hath therefore smote mee; then I prayed hard, when I was almost dead. I remembred my sins much, and considered them much: I remembred that God made all the world, and therefore assuredly there is a God. I heard that God made *Adam*, and made him in his own image, *Gen.* 1. and assuredly none but God could make all the world, heaven, earth, sea, *&c.* then I did believe that God did make the world.

Again, I confesse, I saw that I had offended against God, and sinn'd against him, and that I had the root of sin

ſin in me, and that I had deſerved all miſeries, and death, and hell. I heard, that God made a Covenant with *Adam*, and forbad him to eat of the Tree in the midſt of the Garden; and yet he did eat, and therefore God was angry with man: and I was born in ſin, and therefore God was angry with me: and becauſe I have ſometime forſaken God, and run wilde, therefore I now know my ſin and my offence againſt God. I deſire no more to caſt off God and prayer, for now I know my ſins, and that I have deſerved miſery: therefore now I deſired to pray to God, as long as I live. I deſired pardon of my ſins, and I thought it may be God will pardon mee: and my heart prayed to God, Oh God if thou give mee life again, I will aſſuredly believe and obey; and now I know my ſins by the ſin of *Adam*: but when I had thus done, quickly my heart would be vain again. After my wound, when I came to my ſelf and awaked, I ſaw my ſin, and promiſed God to pray unto him, when I ſaw the mercy of God was ſo great unto mee: I heard that word, Say not, I will pray hereafter, but now, *To day if yee will hear his voice, harden not your hearts*, but pray to God; and that made my heart to yield to do it. Then I underſtood, *Gen.* 2. that *God formed man out of the duſt of the earth, and breathed into him a living ſoul*: by this I did believe that God made me. And I heard that *God cauſed Adam to ſleep, and took out a rib, and made it a woman*: and by this I believed, that ſurely this is the work of God. Again I heard, that *wee are born in ſin, under the guilt of Adams ſin*: and by that I believed that I was a ſinner. Again I heard, *Gen.* 6. that *all the thoughts and imaginations of the heart of man, are only evil continually*; and that God

God did threaten *to destroy man whom hee had made, and all beasts and living creatures which hee had made*: and by this I saw, that surely sin is a very great evil.

Again I heard, that *Noah found grace, and hee onely was upright before God*, and that *God drowned all the world, except Noah, and his sons, and their wives, eight persons*: this did make mee remember my sinnes, and confesse them, and I saw that God is angry with sin. *It rained forty dayes, and so drowned all the world*: then I said, Surely this is Gods work, and hee doth as he threatned to do to sinners; and the same may God do to me, who am a sinner; and my heart is full of sin, and evil thoughts, &c. And then I prayed, Oh God be not angry with mee, but be mercifull to mee, and shew mee what I should do. Then I considered why did God bid *Noah* make an Ark, and saved *Noah* and his Sons, and their Wives: and by it my heart saw, that this is Gods work, who does what hee speaketh, and hath mercy on whom hee will. And my heart thought, does God pardon mee, and love mee? It may be God will have mercy on mee. I heard that promise, Mat. 3. *Repent and believe, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand*: then my heart said, Oh that God would help mee, and pardon my sins. And God made mee wonder at Gods mercy to mee. I heard of *Sodom*, and their great sin, and destruction, and that did make me to remember my great sins, and the great work of God that hee had almost kill'd mee; Oh, I thought this is Gods work, to shew mee my sinnes: and as God saved *Lot* by the Angels, and sent him out of the place, but burnt *Sodom* and all the people, this I saw to be Gods work, & now I desired to fear God and pray unto him all the dayes of my life.

Again

Again I heard, Mat. 3. *The axe is laid to the root of the tree, every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewen down, and cast into the fire:* then I feared my own case, because my fruits were sin, and I deserved to be cut down; then I desired to believe in Christ. I did believe that Christ is the Son of God, by that word *Matth. 4.* Satan tempted Christ, *If thou be the Son of God, &c.* but Christ conquered Satan; and therefore assuredly hee is the Son of God. Then I considered that place, *Mat. 11.* Many came to Christ, the halt, and blinde, and lame, and deaf, and sick, and hee healed all, and if they did but touch Christ they were healed; and therefore my heart believed assuredly, hee is the Son of God: and therefore now I will pray, and Oh let Christ save mee. And Christ hath promised, *Whatever yee ask in my name, it shall be done:* therefore now I prayed, Oh Christ Jesus pardon mee; but my heart is weak and doubting, and I cannot believe. And I heard that word, that *every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, is cut down and cast into the fire:* then I said, I deserve that. Again, that word, *Not every one that sayeth, Lord, Lord, but hee that heareth the Word, and doeth it.* Assuredly it is so; and I desire not only to hear the Word, but to do it: then my heart was ashamed of my sinnes, and grieved. I heard that word, Matth. *6. Blessed art thou Simon bar-Jonah, flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee, but my heavenly Father:* then my heart said, Yea Lord, no man has taught mee Christ, onely God hath taught my heart to know Christ.

Again, I heard that word, Mat. 1. *Hee will save his people from their sins:* then my heart said, Be it so to mee, Oh Lord. Again, I heard that Christ rose again

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the third day with an Earth-quake; and the Watchmen were afraid, and fled: then my heart said, Surely this is Christ the Son of God; and whosoever believeth in Christ, his soul shall go to heaven: For again, I heard of the Ascension of Christ, and more then five hundred saw him ascend; and therefore I believe this is Christ the Son of God. Again, I heard that in John 14. *No man cometh unto the Father, but by mee:* my heart answered, Yea assuredly, Oh Lord, Christ is the way, to believe in, and come to God.

Again, I heard that *Mat.*25. Christ saith to the wicked, *Depart yee cursed:* I said, God might justly say so to mee, and send mee to eternal death. But I earnestly cryed to God, Oh God, set mee into the right way, and give mee Christ, that I may ever walk with Christ; for I am poor and weak: and Christ promiseth, that *what wee ask hee will grant*; and I say, Let God do with mee what hee will: but I beg mercy in Christ, onely I desire to pray to God as long as I live.

John Speen.

THis I confess, that I assuredly am a great sinner before the Lord: but now I beseech God to help mee; Oh Christ, lead mee in the right way, that I may speak that which is right.

This I confesse, that before wee prayed to God, I was wholly a sinner, and not only before, but since praying to God, I have been a great sinner: and now I de-

I desire to make a short confession [for we desired that they would be shorter, the time requiring so]. At first when I prayed, my prayer was vain, and only I prayed with my mouth; and on the Sabbath, only I came to the House of Prayer. I prayed morning and evening, and when I eat, but I considered not what I prayed for; I was sometime angry and passionate about wordly matters; and I was troubled when I saw my brother was chosen to be a Ruler, who was younger then I; because now I saw that I was a sinner; and though I repented, yet presently again I fell into sin: therefore I thought, surely God hath cast me off, because I thus sin; and still my heart was full of sin, all my thoughts were full of sin, all my talk and doings were sinfull.

But now of late, about 2 yeares ago, I heard this word, Mat. 12. *When the unclean spirit was cast out, hee went up and down unquiet; then hee returned and took 7 devils with him, worse then himself, and dwelt in that man, and the latter end of that man was worse then his beginning.* When I heard this I feared, my heart feared; I feared that my repentance and praying and all was nought, and that God hath almost quite cast me off. Then I considered how I fell into these sins: I remembred that the Serpent did deceive the woman, & she the man, and thereby brought sin; and thereupon God punished both the man and the woman. Hearing this, my heart thought; Surely I am a great sinner, and I was born in sin, because my parents were sinners, and so am I. I have sinned against God, and I was born in sin. My Parents broke that Command, *Thou shalt have no other gods but Mee*; but they served many gods, and so did I,

and therefore the earth bringeth forth thorns and weeds unto man, when he laboreth: therefore by this I remembred my troubleſom life, and all is becauſe God is offended at me, becauſe of my ſins. And then I remembred that many of my children are dead; this is Gods puniſhment on me, becauſe of my ſins. Sometime men puniſhed me, and were offended at me, but now I remembred my ſins againſt God, and I ſaw that the puniſhments of God are a greater matter. Again, I heard that word, that *hee that keepeth his word ſhall finde mercy*. I thought ſo it is indeed; but I am a ſinner. I conſidered what I ſhould do, becauſe I was a ſinner, and born in ſin, and have lived in ſin. I conſidered aſſuredly there is a God, and God made heaven and earth, and all that is therein, and all deſtructions and deaths are the work of God. I remembred my vain praying to God, and conſidered what to do: I confeſſed my ſins before God, and begged pardon for Chriſt his ſake. I did finde I could not deliver my ſelf, but Chriſt only is my deliverer; and my heart defired to believe, and pray to him, and yet knew not what to do, nor how to pleaſe God, and get pardon; only I prayed, Oh Chriſt deliver mee, becauſe I am a ſinner, and know not what to do.

Then I remembred that God layeth on us two deaths in this world: Firſt, the ſoul is dead, and wee are made guilty of *Adams* ſin, and have loſt Gods Image, and hereby my ſoul is a fool, and hereby my ſoul is dead: and a man dead can do nothing, nor ſpeak, nor go, nor ſtand, and verily ſo is my ſoul dead, and I ſhall fall to eternal damnation by ſin. Therefore now I cry to God to help mee, for I am throughly a ſinner.

After

After I heard that God pardoneth penitent believers: and I remember the word of *Jonas*, when he was almoſt caſt off, he repented, and God made a Whale to eat him up; and then he looked to God, and cryed for mercy; and then I ſaw that if I cry for mercy, and believe, I ſhall have pardon. I heard that Chriſt healed all manner of diſeaſes; therefore I believed that Chriſt is the Son of God, able to heal and pardon all. Now I confeſs I know nothing, almoſt nothing at all. Again, Chriſt ſaith, *Hee that is not with mee is againſt mee*; my heart ſaid, True it is ſo, ſo muſt I do, I muſt be with Chriſt: and, *Hee that gathereth not, ſcattereth*; I ſaid, So it is with mee, I have ſo done; I ſcatter, and am a ſtranger to Chriſt. And I did not truly love them that prayed to God, but I was a ſtranger in heart unto them. But now I deſire in my heart to do as they do; and our poor teaching, I deſire to obey it, and do what God bids; and what he ſaith you ſhall not do, that I deſire not to do: But yet again I do ſin, and my ſins troubled me by hearing the word of God, and yet I would do them. I heard that God will pardon all kinde of ſins, that men ſin, *but the ſin againſt the Holy Ghoſt ſhall not be pardoned in this world, nor in that which is to come.* Then I fear'd that I was ſuch an one, and that God would not pardon me. Then I earneſtly entreated God to pardon and deliver me, becauſe he was the true deliverer. Again, I heard that word, that *they that are well need not the Phyſitian, but the ſick.* My heart ſaid, True; I did even ſo, I ſought not help when I was well, but now I remember my ſins, and now my ſoul is dead, and now I deſire that my ſoul may live, and I deſire the Phyſitian of my ſoul to heal

mee; and Christ will not in vain heal souls, but such as convert from sin, and believe in Christ, their sins Christ pardoneth: this my soul doth earnestly beseech of Christ, and else I know not what to do. Again, I heard that *Christ dyed for our sins*, when we are sinners. Again, *Mat.26.* Christ saith, *This is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many, for the remission of sins:* my heart said, Yea (Lord) let it be so for my soul, and let me not be a stranger any more before thee. I know not what to do, Lord help. I desire to be washed from all my filthy sins, and to be baptized, as a sign of it. I am as a dead man in my soul, and desire to live.

Ponampam.

A Little I shall speak. I was young, about 8 years old when my father lived. I did play as other children did, and my father did chide me for playing. I wondered at it, for he said we shall all die. I wondered and sat amazed about half an hour, but I soon forgot it. That Winter the Pox came, and almost all our kindred dyed. I and my mother came to the Bay, and there dwelt till we pray'd to God; but I did nothing but sin, as the rest of the world did. Then hearing the word of God, I heard that *from the rising of the sun to the setting thereof, my Name shall be known among the Gentiles:* therefore all must pray to God. But my heart did not desire that, but to go away to some other place. But remembring the word of God,

God, that all shall pray to God. Then I did not desire to go away, but to pray to God. But if I pray afore the Sachems pray, I fear they will kill me, and therefore I will not pray. But yet when others prayed, I prayed with them; and I thought, if I run away to other places, they will pray too, therefore I will pray here. Then on a Sabbath, none taught, and some bid me teach, what the Minister had taught us; but I feared, and durst not for fear of the Sachems, yet they urged me, and I did. And I taught them what I remembred, and they were angry at me, and we fell out, and I went away. I thought that my praying would be in vain, and I laid by praying; and there was Pawwauing, but I doubted to do that, because I had prayed, and I did think they would laugh at me. After I returned again, and was among them which prayed, but my heart did not rightly pray, though I came on the Sabbath day. Then about the time that my Son (who was at School) was born, the Minister taught on 1 Chron. 28. 9. *Thou Solomon my son, know the God of thy fathers, &c. if thou seek him, hee will be found of thee; if thou forsake him, hee will cast thee off for ever:* Then I feared, for I said, This already I have done, I have cast off God, and therefore he will cast off me; for every such one God will cast off, I know not what to do. It repented me for my sin, I feared Gods wrath and damnation. Then I prayed, and call'd upon God, yet only sometimes I repented, and after I found my heart full of sin again: But then I was angry at my self, and knew not what to do; alwayes I did fear, God hath cast me off, for all my many sins which I have done. Hereby I was troubled and angry at my self. Then I

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heard that word, *Who ever repent and believe shall be saved, I'e pardon them :* Then my heart cryed, Oh Christ let it be so, that my sins may be pardoned, and that I may pray alwaies. Then I begged, Lord give me repentance and faith, and I did pray to God much. Then I did beg, that I might give up my self, wife, and children to God as long as we live; and then I prayed. Then I heard that word, *Mat.5. Hee that looks on a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery in his heart.* I then remembred my sins; that though I had promised to pray, yet I had thus sinned, and my heart was now troubled about this. My heart said, Cast off praying, because you are filthy in lust, your heart and eyes still commit adultery; therefore run away from these that pray to God, and go to *Qunniticot*, or some other place; and if you be in other places, you may do what you will, and my heart almost inclined to this sin: But after that, this merciful word of God I heard, That *Satan led Christ into the wilderness to tempt him*, and so I thought hee would do me. Then I desired God to be merciful to me; then I turned to God, and cryed, but knew not what to do, for I feared God had cast me off, and I shall perish for ever; God has cast me off, and I have deserved hell fire. Then I heard that word, Joh.14.6. *None come to the Father but by me*: I did pray, Oh Christ let it be so, that by thee I may come to God; and I pray Christ Jesus pardon all my sins, this mercy I beg. Then I repented my casting off praying to God; then I promised I would not return again to sin, and if Christ help me, I and children shall serve God. Then that Spring my mother and two children dyed, and I was troubled, and knew not

not what to do; my heart ſaid, Lay by prayer, but that I did not: but I ſaw Chriſt came to give eternal life, and therefore what Chriſt will do for me, ſo let it be. Therefore I believe only in Chriſt for eternal life; and what Chriſt will do with my ſoul, ſo let it be; and my ſoul deſireth that I may receive the Seals to make ſtrong my heart.

Piumbubhou.

ASſuredly, I have nothing that I ſhould confeſſe as I ought, for my heart is full of fooliſhneſs and darkneſs; ſtopt up is my heart, and deaf are my ears. I know not by what way I can get life. I was born in ſin into this world, and therefore I am in folly, and I know my heart is full of fooliſhneſs and ignorance. I am a great ſinner ever ſince I ſaw light in this world; my fooliſhneſs appeareth in every thing I do in this life. I know not what God hath given me, but now I hear of the mercy of God, who hath made the world, and all things in it; by this great work of his I know there is a God, and becauſe my heart checketh mee for ſin, and I fear the puniſhment of God: And the Word of God now ſheweth me that there is a God; therefore my heart ſayes, I deſire to pray to God: and becauſe God is angry with me for all my ſins, I know nothing by my ſelf but that which is evil. I heard that word Mat. 5. *Bleſſed are the poor in ſpirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* Then my heart ſaid, So be it Oh Lord to me, and I love thee as long

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as I live. Then ſaid my heart, I am a poor man, and deſire to pray to God. Again, God ſaid, *Bleſſed are they that hunger and thirſt after righteouſneſs, for they ſhall be filled.* Then when I heard that word, my heart rejoyced; and yet again I doubted, and my heart misbelieved and feared. Then that word came, that Chriſt ſaith, *Be ye mercifull as your heavenly father is merciful.* And again, *Hee maketh his ſun to riſe on the evil and on the good; and ſendeth rain on the juſt and on the unjuſt.* When I heard it, my heart rejoyced to hear of the mercy of God; yet I doubted, and my heart was hard again. Now I confeſs before God, becauſe God is a great God, and a mercifull God, and I pray to him. I heard of Gods great mercy, to give us his only Son to dye for us; therefore I loved God, and I begged, Oh God pardon all my ſins, and I give up my ſelf to Jeſus Chriſt.

Monotunkquanit.

BEfore I prayed to God, I lived at *Nipmuk.* I did not know that there was a God, only I lived for nothing, for no end or purpoſe; but I alwaies did wilde actions. I kept no Sabbath, nor Lecture, nor any work of Prayer; nor did I remember my works. I now know that all my words and works are naught, my eyes and ears are ſtopped, and mad works I dayly did. After I went to *Dorcheſter* Indians, the praying Indians; and they that were my friends, did ſay it was good to pray to God; and ſaid, To morrow is our Lecture,

ture, and the Minister cometh to teach us; then my heart desired to see the Minister, and hear what he said: next day he came, and taught the Indians; I went and desired to see: when I came, my son *Sam.* came with mee; the Minister call'd my son, and set him afore, and asked him, *Who made him?* and he was taught to answer, *God.* Then he commended my son, and asked whose son he was; they said, *Mine.* The Minister gave him two apples: then the Minister said to me, Do you pray to God? you see your childe saith, God made him; and therefore it is your duty to pray to God:

[*Note here that God hath so blessed this youth, that hee is one of our School-masters, and an hopefull young man.*]

Then I considered what he said, I could not sleep that night. I consideredwhether I should pray toGod; my heart did much doubt that night: Shall I pray? my heart said, No; yet I doubted. Then *Waban* came to my house to *Nipmuk*, and perswaded me to pray to God; I said, I know not how to pray. Hee said, God will teach you; God is a great God, and made all the world. I answered, Who knoweth that? and who can witness that? He said, The Minister is sent of God, and sheweth us Gods Word, and hee by that teacheth us, Then I promised *Waban*, that when hee came again I would pray to God. Then *Toteswamp* came, and exhorted me to pray to God, and told me of Christ, and pardon of sin; and then almost my heart prayed to God. Then I said, *English* men understand not me, and does God understand me? They said, God made all, and understands all: then I said, I will pray to God. Then I heard first,

that *God made heaven, and earth, and all things, and in six dayes finished them*; and also *made man in his own Image*, wise and holy like God. Then I heard that *Satan came and tempted Eve*, and cozened her, and she tempted the man. And God had said, *Eat not of the tree in the midst of the Garden, if yee eat thereof yee shall dye*; yet she did eat, and gave unto man, and he did eat: and thereby he sinned, and all his posterity became sinful, and deserved damnation. Then my heart said, What shall I do? and I prayed for my children, for now I hear of eternal damnation, and sure I am a great sinner. Again, I heard the Minister preach, That Christ was born like a man, and was both God and man, and dyed for us, and sheweth us the way of eternal life. Then I cryed, Oh Lord give me Christ, because Christ hath dyed for us, and hath made his righteousnes ours, and our sins are Christs, as *Adam* made his sin ours. Now my heart was broken, and I saw that I was a great sinner. When I heard of the great works of Christ, I said, Oh what shall I do, that I may get Christ? & I said in my heart, Oh let the holy Spirit help me, for I am ashamed of my sins; melted is my heart, and I desire pardon of all my sins; now I desire to forsake all my sins, and now I desire dayly to quench lusts, and wash off filth, and cast out all my sins, by the blood of Jesus Christ, and this I do by believing in Jesus Christ. *Gen.6.* there was only one *Noah* righteous, and God saved him: then my heart said, Oh mercifull God, who savest them that trust in thee, save mee. Again, *God made his Covenant with Abraham, and with all the seed of Abraham*: now I desire to have this Covenant, and to receive

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this Commandement of Christ. *Abraham* was strong in faith, and followed Christ; and my heart doth desire to follow Christ, because he hath dyed for us.

Wutásakómpauin.

OH Christ help mee! I confess my sins before God, and before men. We are all born in sin, because *Adam* sinned, and made his sin ours. Our Parents knew not God, nor the way of life; we Indians are all sinners, and did all sins, afore we heard of God; we did pray to every thing that is in the world, and knew not the way of life. When *English* men came first, we did pray to the Devil; and many were our sins; and God doth know all our sins, all which we have committed, before the *English* came. After the *English* came, I went to *Sudbury*, to Mr *Browns* house, and he said to me, Pray to God; but I did not like it, nor to hear of praying to God; but afterwards I heard *Waban* prayed to God, and I was not glad of it; yet after *Waban* prayed, he told us of it, and that the Minister came to *Noonantam*. I heard him, and he taught, that the souls of good men die and go to heaven, the souls of the wicked, when they die, they go to hell; but I only heard it. Then we resolved we would pray to God, and carry our children to *Roxbury*, that they might learn to pray, but we feared that we should not learn to pray. After the Minister taught that word, that every man himself must pray and believe to be saved; and though your sons be at *Roxbury*,

and learn to pray, yet if you pray not, you must be damned.

Again, I heard many words of God; this was one, *Therefore watch, for ye know not the day, or hour, when the Lord will come*: When I heard that, I knew not what to do, nor do I know when is the day of death. But I am full of sin, and when I die Christ will not receive me, because I am so full of sin. After that my wife dyed, and then weak was my heart, almost I left praying to God, but yet I did not so. But after, I heard that word of God, *Who ever heareth the word, and doeth it, is like a wise builder, who built on a rock; and when the storms and floods came and beat upon the house, it stood, because it was built upon a rock: But hee that heareth the word, and doth it not, is like a foolish builder, who built upon the sand, and the storms and floods came and beat upon that house, and it fell, because it was built on the sand.* By this I saw that I was a foolish builder, because the death of my wife did almost make me leave praying to God. After I had another wife, and shee dyed also: Then I heard that word, That it is Gods love, by afflictions, to call us to repentance; and therefore my heart said, Oh Lord I will pray, Oh Lord help me. Again, I heard another word, that *at the end of the world all must appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ*: and therefore now confess all your sins, and repent, because Christ hath writ down all your actions, both good and bad, and all shall be opened; and therefore repent of your sins, that they may be pardoned.

Then I said, I am a great sinner, and ever I commit sin, I confesse I have deserved hell, and I cannot deliver

deliver my ſelf; but I beg of God, Oh Lord give me Chriſt; and I give my ſoul to Chriſt, that all my ſins may be pardond, and I now confeſs my ſins before man but at the end of the world I muſt be judged by Jeſus Chriſt. Now I deſire the ſpirit of God would help me to confeſs all my ſins to God, that they may be pardoned in Jeſus Chriſt.

THeſe Confeßions I wrote in Engliſh *from their mouthes with the beſt of my endeavours, both for diligence and alſo faithfulneſs; and ſo ſoon as they had done, I read them unto the Elders and Brethren and Siſters there preſent, and that the ſubſtance hereof was delivered by them, and faithfully tranſlated and delivered by me (to the beſt of my underſtanding) I do here before the Lord teſtifie.*

JOHN ELIOT.

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I Did underſtand moſt things that ſome of thoſe Indians *ſpake; and though others ſpake not ſo well to my underſtanding, yet many things I underſtood of what they all ſpake: and thus much I may teſtifie, that (according to what I underſtood) the ſubſtance of their Confeſſions is here truly ſet down.*

JOHN ELIOT, jun.

Waban being ſick when the reſt made their Confeſsion, after the Lord had reſtored him, came to *Roxbury*, and before the Elders made his Confeſsion as followeth.

UNto this day I do underſtand but little of the *Engliſh* Language; the Word of God came not firſt unto my heart by the *Engliſh* Language. I did not know what ſtate I was in at my firſt birth, and my ſin by birth I knew not: When I was young I knew not what I was, as now I do know; for now I know that I am a ſinful man. Since I prayed to God, I know more

more of my ſelf; but afore, I cared not for ſuch things, nor what they ſaid. If I heard any thing, I took no heed to it; if any asked me whether I knew God, I did not regard it; yea, I hated the knowledg of God, nor did I regard any word of God: but other kinde of praying (which we uſed) I did love; to pray to the Devil, this I loved.

But afterward, I began to think; it may be they ſay true, that ſpeak of God; it may be it is true, that God is in heaven; and ſhould any teach me in my language, I might know God: but if I ſhould pray, it may be it is in vain to pray in my language; could I ſpeak *Engliſh*, I might learn to pray. And I ſee the *Engliſh* love us, and therefore it is like, that is true which they ſay of God, and I deſire to live for ever where they do. When I firſt heard the Word, it ſaid, God is good; a little I believed it, but I did more doubt.

Mr *Jackſon* asked me if I did pray to God: I asked him whether God underſtood our language, if I prayed to him: Hee ſaid, yea, all things God doth know, and all languages. Then my heart ſaid, It may be I may attain to pray. But my heart was hard, and therefore I could not pray, afterwards it may be I may. Sometime I thought if we did not pray, the *Engliſh* might kill us; but if I prayed, I thought I did not pray right. When I ſaw, and conſidered, that all men in the world dyed, I knew not how I might come to live for ever, how my ſoul might live, and therefore I deſired I might pray to God aright; becauſe they that ſo pray, are all one as if they dyed not, but live for ever. I wiſh't I could pray aright,

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but could not tell how to do it. I did in my heart love wandering about, and our wilde courſes alwaies; and when I did pray, it was but out-ſide praying, for in my heart I underſtood not right praying to God; I underſtood not how to pray, and I regarded not my wearineſs of that which was good, many things hindred my heart; I was aſhamed, becauſe my heart was full of evil. Sometimes I thought of my ſins, but it was but a little, and I was ſoon weary of any good. I did not think God was not mercifull, but I ſaw my heart was naught, and very little did I know the evils of my heart. No humility was in my heart, and to this day my heart is evil, and hard is my heart, When you taught us the Word of God, my heart did not believe, but went contrary to the Word of God. I ſaw my mourning for ſin was not good: I do confeſs my heart did not ſubmit to God, only I hoped I might might learn the Word of God, which you taught us. My heart did afore love praying to the Devil, but I do not finde that I ſo love praying to God: therefore I did pray, Lord break my heart, that I may pray to God aright. My heart was weary of praying quickly; and therefore my heart ſaid, Surely my heart is nought, and I am like a dead man: and therefore I prayed, Lord help me now to pray aright to God. Now I knew that God knoweth all the thoughts of my heart, and my many ſins, and contrary doings, and how little I know of God. Surely I am a great ſinner, and this I do throughly know, that great are my ſins, and that my heart is contrary to praying to God, and my heart deſired wilde courſes, and I ſee that my heart loveth not praying to God. Yet now my heart began

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to desire to pray, and to love those things which are according to right praying; but I knew not what to do. Then I asked what I should do; then I heard this answer, I should desire Christ to break my heart by his spirit, none else in the world could do it; no man could work faith in me, but the Word which I heard doth it. I could not my self repent of sin, or be ashamed; but this I know, that the Word of God saith, *Those that believe in Christ shall not perish, but have eternal life*: Then my heart said, Oh Lord, let it be so to me, and let not my heart say contrary. Again I heard, *If any be foolish, let him ask wisedom of God, who giveth freely*: Then my heart said, I am foolish, Oh Lord teach me. Then I feared that my heart in vain seeketh, and then I desired humility, and that I might not pray in vain, and that I might not pray only outwardly. But my heart had contrary and misbelieving thoughts dayly, and my heart did not dayly desire after God, and but a little could I remember of God. Sometime my heart desired not to be like to such as prayed aright unto God; therefore I desired the Image of God upon me, and that I might be like to them wch prayed to God aright; alwaies I thought that what God said in his Word was right. I heard this word, *The Foxes have holes, and the Birds have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head*: Then my heart said, Truth (Lord) the riches of this world are of no value; and therefore I desire not this worlds goods, but only heavenly blessings and grace, & I desire the way to the Heavenly Kingdom. And always my heart saith, touching my poverty and misery, I give my self and my soul to God and to Christ, because

that is right. Again, I learn in the Catechize, Q. *What hath Christ done for us?* A. *He dyed for us, hee was buried, he rose again for us, and by his resurrection hee raiseth our souls unto grace, and also at the last day:* And my heart said, Oh let it be so in me! Again it is said, *What else hath Christ done for us?* A. *He ascended to heaven, to raise our hearts first to heaven, and then to carry us to heaven also, to be with him for ever.* My heart saith, Oh God I am not able to save my self, I cannot save my own soul, this is only thy work Oh God, and my heart believeth it; and with God is mercy and goodness, but in this world is nothing but weariness, and I know my weakness; therefore I am ashamed, and Oh let God put grace into my heart; and my heart saith, Oh let me not say in vain that I believe, Oh Lord help that I may truly believe, not by my works, but by thy Word Oh God. Again it is said in Catechism, *Why is Christ a Prophet?* A. *To teach me the way to heaven:* therefore my heart desireth that Christ may ever lead me by his Word; and it is only the mercy of Christ that must do this for me, and he giveth me true comfort only by believing in him.

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THe Lord was so graciously with them in these Confessions, that they had good acceptance. Wee advised with the Church touching our further progress; the conclusion whereof was, that we sent Letters to all the neighbor-Churches, informing them of our progress in this matter, in order to our receiving them; desiring them, or any among them, that had any just offence against any of these eight Indians, whom we named, that they would orderly communicate the same unto us, and seasonably; or if they had such knowledg of any of them, as to give us encouragement, we should be thankfull; or their silence, we should take in good part also. We had both incouragement and testimony from some Churches, only the paucity of Interpreters to co-attest with my Interpretation, was a matter of much difficulty, and no small impediment; for which cause I sent to Mr *Peirson*, to old Mr *Mayhu*, to *Thomas Stanton*, to be present with us, losing no known opportunity to bring our waies into the light, and to make all things clear. We proposed it to our Church, to agree about the publick day of Confessions; the conclusion was, that a Council was called, we sent unto ten Churches about us, requesting them by their Messengers to be present on *Roxbury* Lecture day, being the 5th of the 5th Moneth, 1659. acquainting them that that day was set apart to hear the Indians Confessions, and we requested counsel and direction from them, and concurrence with us.

After Prayer, I first declared to the Congregation

what ſup ply of Interpreters we had for co-atteſtation with my Interpretation of the Indians Confeſſions.

Firſt, here was Mr *Peirſon*, and we had (for clearneſs of our way, becauſe of his unacquaintance with our dialect) ordered the confeſſing Indians to keep Sabbath at *Roxbury*; we ſpent half the Sabbath among them, a good part whereof was ſpent in hearing ſome of their Confeſſions, and all the ſecond day we ſo ſpent, ſo that Mr *Peirſon* had taken in writing all their Confeſſions; ſo that, if the Aſſembly pleaſed, they might hear the Confeſſions which they made before the Elders of *Roxbury*, which I have here in writing, and had been already ſeen by ſundry of the Elders; alſo they might hear the Confeſſions which Mr *Peirſon* and I had taken yeſterday; which (compared with what the Lord ſhall aſſiſt them to utter this day) may help to clear up the verity and reality of their hearts in theſe their Confeſſions.

Moreover I declared, that here was a godly brother of *Martyns* Vineyard, named *Peter Fouldger*, who had for many years taught the Indian School in Mr *Mayhu's* life time; & ſince, he hath been by the Cõmiſſioners imployed to teach the Indians each other Sabbath; who told me, when I ſpake unto him about this work, that by reaſon of the different dialect, he durſt not alone undertake to give in a teſtimony; but if he brought one of his Indians with him, (as need might be to help him) then he durſt undertake to give a teſtimony upon Oath, if need were. This man, and his Indian with him, are this morning come, and are preſent in the Aſſembly, and ſet in a convenient ſeat together. Again I declared, that my ſon was preſent, who doth in ſome meaſure

ſure underſtand the Language: Alſo here are preſent two ſons of *Thomas Stanton*, one of which the Commiſſioners maintain at the Colledg. And laſtly, here are the Indian Scholars preſent; ſo that if the Aſſembly think meet to make uſe of any of theſe youths in this grave buſineſs, they might ſo do.

Further I declared, that in all this matter we did ſubmit our ſelves to the guidance of the Reverend Council here preſent, and deſired them to direct us and order us, as they ſaw meet to do in the Lord.

Then we proceeded to hear the Indians Confeſſions, which are as followeth.

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I called him forth, and ſaid, Stand up and make your Confeſſion before the Lord and his people.

Hee ſaid, I Deſire to confeſs before God and all theſe wiſe men, and God helping by the mercifull help of his gracious ſpirit, that I may confeſs all my ſins.

I heard that word, Gen. 5. that *God made Adam in his own Image, both male and female*; and after many years *Adam* begat a ſon in his own Image, having loſt Gods Image. And God did form man in the womb of our mother, in *Adams* Image, and ſo I was formed in the Image of *Adam*; and when I was born I lived in the ſame way, in the Image of Satan, and original ſin was rooted in my heart, and grew up there; alſo I con-

confeſs, that when I was a Child, my Parents and I were all wilde, we prayed to many Gods, and many other ſins we did, and all the people did the ſame, both men and women, they lived in all luſts, they prayed to every creature; the Sun, Moon, Stars, Sea, Earth, Fiſhes, Fowl, Beaſts, Trees, *&c.* all theſe things I ſaw when I was a youth, and all theſe things I liked and loved to do, and was delighted with theſe things; in all theſe things I lived, and with theſe things my memory was exerciſed, and in my youth I did what I liſted, as *pauwauing*, or what elſe I would; when I was grown up, I loved luſt, and delighted in it, I knew it not to be a ſin, but an excellent delight: I loved all ſin, but eſpecially luſt, and all that I did, was for the ſake of luſt, ſuch things as women might like of; if I cut my hair, it was to pleaſe women; if I cut my hair in another faſhion, and left a Lock on one ſide, it was with reſpect to luſt; if I got fine cloaths, ſtockins, ſhoes, all was for to ſerve luſt; our meetings and drinkings were with reſpect to luſt: ſo that this was the chief thing I did delight in; and theſe things were in my bones, and there grew; then the Miniſter came to *Channit* to teach us: I came to the Meeting, but in vain; I came for luſt to look on women, alwayes I did thus, and I thought teaching to be madneſs, and ſo I continued two years after we prayed to God; after two years I heard a little, my ears were a little opened; I firſt underſtood that word, *He that doubteth, is like a wave of the Sea, driven to and fro, and toſſed*; and that word, *If any man lack wiſdome, let him aſk it of God, who giveth freely, and upbraideth no man.* Alſo the ſame Winter I heard that word, *Gen. 6. God ſaid,*

I will destroy man whom I have created, and he repented that he had made him. These things I understood and remembred, but I confess before God, that I did only hear and know these things, as I did sometimes speak of what I did remember, but I believed not, yea I laughed, as other youths did, at all these things, because thereby did original sin grow in me, and hard it was to root it out, and hard to believe. After this I heard still, and more I understood; I heard, *Gen.16.* that the people were full of sin, lust, and all other sin, and therefore the Lord destroyed them; and I knew that I had the same sins, and therefore I was afraid; but I feared only this bodily life, and not for my Soul: After this, my heart did a little desire to pray to God, because God found *Noah* righteous, and did save him, therefore I desired to pray; but again I laid it by, and I said it is vain to pray, for if I pray, and should commit sin, I shall be punished, or imprisoned, but if I pray not, I may commit what sin I will, and have no punishment for it. About a year after, I heard the Minister teach another word, that the Death of Christ is precious, and our death is nothing worth, therefore God promiseth pardon of all sins for Christ his sake; he bid us remember this against next time: When he came again, he asked me, and I did remember it, and do to this day; but I confess I did not believe, only I did remember it, and answered when I was asked: And then again, I desired to pray to God, and would not go away, but it was because I loved our place and dwelling; I prayed, but I believed not, I considered not Eternal Life, but only this worldly life: And thus I went on, till they chose Rulers

lers at *Natik*, they chose me, and I refused, because I believed not: After that, my Wife and Child died, and I was sick to death, but lived again, and being well, I thought I could not pray, I was a Child, and therefore could not, I put off praying to God, my Relations died, and why should I pray? but then I considered, why does God thus punish me; yea, the Minister spake to me about it, and said, it may be it was because I refused to do Gods work, as *Moses*, when he first refused, God was patient, but when he persisted in his refusal, God was angry; and then my heart saw my sin, and then my heart almost believed: I desired to do right, and to keep the Sabbath, for I further heard in the 4th Commandment, *Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy*; and *Psa.* 101. *I will walk wisely in a perfect way*: Also in *Isay* 58. *If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, and do not thy own works, nor find thy own pleasure, nor speak thy own words*; therefore my Soul desired to keep the Sabbath, then the Souldiers came upon us on the Sabbath day, while we were at meeting, and took away our Guns, and caused us to bring them as far as *Roxbury*; that night my heart was broken off, my heart said, God is not, the Sabbath is not, it is not the Lords Day, for were it so, the Souldiers would not have then come; then my heart cast off praying, then we came before the Magistrates, and *Cutshamoquin* asked, Why they came on the Sabbath-day: It was answered, that it was lawful; but I did not understand it: That day I being very thirsty, did drink too much, and was brought before the Magistrates, and was ashamed: I came to *Roxbury* to the Minister, and there I was ashamed also, because I had greatly

greatly sinned; then I cried to God for Free-mercy, because precious is the Death of Christ, oh pardon this my sin: Yet again I had temptations to drinking, and then I considered what a great sinner I was, even like a beast before God: Then I heard that word, *Mat.* 5. *He that breaketh the least of Gods Commands, and teacheth others so to do, shall be the least in the Kingdome of Heaven*: My heart said, *Lord, such an one have I been*, for I have been an active sinner; yet I cried again for mercy, O Lord freely pardon my great sins. Again, I confess I am very weak, even like a very child, and I so walk, and know not what to do; if I die, I fear I shall die in my sin; yet I cried again, O God pardon me for Christ his sake. Again, further I confess, that when I was troubled about our wants, poverty, and nakedness, I considered that text, *Foxes have holes, and Birds have nests, but the Son of man hath not whereon to lay his head.* And again, *Mat.* 6. *The Birds plough not, and the flowers spin not, and yet God doth both feed and cloath them*; and therefore be not over-much troubled about these things, yet I desire to follow labour with my hands, because *Gen* 1. God gave *Adam* dominion over the creatures, and commanded him to Till the ground: And *Gen.* 2. He set him in the Garden, and commanded him to dress it, and keep it: Also *Gen.* 3. he said, *Thou shalt eat thy bread in the sweat of thy face all thy dayes, till thou returnest to thy dust.* When I remember these things, my heart doth bow to labour: also I heard that riches were the root of all evil, and *Dives* with his fine apparel, and dainty fare, was in hell, and poor *Lazarus* was in heaven: When my heart is troubled about our Land, and about riches,

I quiet my heart with these meditations. Also I further heard, when my heart was troubled about Salvation, and doubted, I heard that there is no means of Salvation but Christ, not any thing in the world can carry us to heaven, only Christ, which I did believe, by *Gen.* 28. where *Jacob* dreamed a dream, and he saw a Ladder which stood on earth, and the top reached up to heaven, and that Ladder is Christ; who is Man, and so toucheth the earth; and God, and so is in heaven, and by believing in him, we ascend to heaven as by a ladder. This helped me almost to believe, and I cried, Oh Christ be thou my Ladder to heaven! Again, *Joh.* 14. Christ saith, *None cometh to the Father, but by me*; therefore I believe, nothing can carry me to God, but only Christ, if I penitently believe in him. Again, I confess I do still find my self very weak to resist sin, for if I read, and teach on the Sabbath, I teach indeed, but I do not as I ought; and therefore that Word of Christ doth rebuke me, *Mat.* 23. Hear, and do what they say, but do not as they do. When I do, among others, reprove sinners, that Word of Christ reproveth me: *Thou hypocrite, first cast the beam out of thine own eye, and then thou mayest see clearly to cast the moat out of thy brothers eye.* Again, when I pray, I find hypocrisie in my heart, to do it to be seen of men, and that Word of Christ reproveth me, *Mat. 6. They pray to be seen of men, verily they have their reward*; and then I cryed mightily to God, O Lord help me, pardon me, what shall I do. Again, I heard *Mat. 9.* The Son of Man hath power to pardon sin on earth, and therefore me O Lord; then my heart did desire Christ, and to

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pray as long as I live, and my heart was ſtirred up thereunto, by *Luke* 18. Chriſt ſpake a parable, that we ſhould pray, and not be weary, becauſe the Widdow tyred the unjuſt Judge, and made him help her; how much more ſhall God the righteous Judge, hear and help his children, that cry night and day, therefore I deſired to pray unto God as long as I lived: Then my heart ſaid, What ſhall I do, for I am weak, and I fear I ſhall periſh; then I heard that word, *Joh.* 3. *God ſo loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoſoever believeth in him ſhould not periſh, but have Eternal Life.* And again it is ſaid, that God loved his Son, and gave all things into his hand: I am weak, and though I pray, yet I am weak, therefore I deſired to be in Chriſts hand, as in a Fort; in a Fort we are ſafe from exerciſe, they cannot eaſily catch us; out of a Fort we are open to them: So I deſire Church-Eſtate, the Seals of Baptiſme, and the Lords Supper, and all Church-Ordinances, as a Fort unto my Soul: I heard that Word of Chriſt, *Mat.* 16. *Thou art* Peter, *and on this Rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell ſhall not prevail againſt it*: Oh I deſire to be there kept! Again, I heard *Mat.* 3. *God is able of theſe ſtones to raiſe up ſeed to* Abraham; therefore raiſe up me O Lord: And again, Chriſt came to *John* to be baptized, *John* refuſed, but Chriſt ſaid, *Suffer it to be ſo:* It is neceſſary to fulfill all unrighteouſnets, therefore ſo I deſire to do all that is right, and I deſire to be baptized. Again I confeſs, I fear I ſhall ſin again, and defile my ſelf, after I am waſhed and baptized, even as the dog returneth to his vomit; therefore I cry, O God help me for thy free mercies ſake. Again,

I heard that in *Mat.* 18. *where two or three are met together in my Name, Christ is in the midst of them*: Therefore I desire to have the Ordinances of Christ, to be with Christ; but my heart saith, if I be bound by Ordinances, then I shall be imprisoned, but yet I desire to be there in prison with Christ; if my heart lye, I shall be as dead, but yet I desire to be so with Christ. Again, I heard in *Ioha*, Christ saith, *Who ever cometh to me, I cast him not away, but he shall have life*: But *Ioh.* 5. Christ doth say, *Ye will not come unto me, that you might have life*: Therefore my heart did greatly fear, and pray, Oh that I might come to Christ! and Christ is the everlasting Son of God; therefore my Soul desireth to be with him: And this I confess, that though I believe in Christ, yet I am still weak; and therefore I desire to be made strong by the Seals; but I fear I am unworthy, because of that word, *Mat.* 7. *Cast not Pearls before Swine, nor holy things to dogs*; yet my heart saith, O Lord remember me, and yet let me a dog come under thy Table to get a crum; and I cry to God because of all my weakness: I confess I cannot deliver, or help, or save my self, only Christ Jesus can do it, and let Free-grace pardon me, and save me, O God have mercy on me! Again, *Mat.* 18. *Whatever ye bind on earth, is bound in heaven; and whatever ye loose on earth, is loosed in heaven*; therefore I desire to be loosed both in earth, and in heaven, and to be sealed with Gods Seal.

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When I had read this Confession of his, I said, because the Lord hath said, that in the mouth of two or three Witnesses, every Truth shall be established; *therefore I desired that the rest of the Interpreters might attest unto this which I had read.*

First, Mr. *Peirson* said, so far as I discern, I doubt not of the truth of what Mr. *Eliot* hath delivered, and for that which he hath now uttered, though some things the *Indian* hath added more then he spake in private, and some things left out, and some things otherwise placed, yet for the substance of his present Confession, it is the same with that which he delivered in private, where we did carefully try all things, that we might be sure that we understood him right. Then Bro. *Fouldyer* was desired to speak; who saith, That he did not expect to have understood so much of his speech, and so plainly as he did, and his Interpreter did perfectly understand all; and to his best understanding, that which Mr. *Eliot* had delivered, was the very same which he spake.

I said unto the Assembly, In that he spake so plain to his understanding, it is because I had advised him, and so all the rest, to express themselves in the most plain and familiar words and expressions they could, for my more easie and perfect understanding. Again,

for that my Bro. *Peirson* observed, that they left out something, and added other, and varied in sundry expressions: It is true, I observed the same, and it may well be so, for they have not any writing, or like helps, only their memory, and the help of Gods Spirit, to read in their own hearts, what they utter.

Then the two Sons of *Thom. Stanton* were called, to testifie the Schollar spoke first, and said, that he did understand perfectly all that the *Indian* said, and he did not observe any difference in what Mr. *Eliot* had delivered, but it was the same which the *Indian* spake.

The other spake, and said, he did not perfectly understand all that the *Indian* said, but so far as he did understand, Mr. *Eliot* had delivered the truth.

My Son was called to speak, who said, I did, for the most part, well understand the *Indian*, and to my best understanding, my Father hath given a true interpretation thereof.

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He was next called, who thus spake.

I Confess my sins before the Lord, and all these people and godly men, for ye throughly know that we are great sinners, not only before God, but before man also.

I confess that in my Mothers Womb I was conceived

ved in sin; and that I was born in iniquity; my Father and Mother were sinners, and lived in sin, they prayed to many Gods, the Sun, Heavens, Beasts, Trees, and every thing in the world, they made them their Gods, and throughly we followed these sins: When I was born, I was in the Image of Satan, I knew not that God made all this world, I was only wise to sin, and I did all those things which I liked to do, even all lusts, from my youth up; and now I confess my sins before God, and all men, for God and men do know them: I did all my delights. When I was a youth the English came, but I regarded them not: Afterward I heard that the *Indians* prayed, but my heart said, I will not pray so long as I live, for they be vain words to pray unto God, my Parents taught me to pray unto many Gods: Sometime I came to English Towns on the Sabbath day, and I played, for I did not regard that sin; I thought it vain to keep one day, yet I feared that the English should see me play, least they should be angry, but not because I offended God. Afterwards I heard that my Brothers prayed, and therefore I disliked them, and I thought I will forsake my Brothers, because they do a vain work, and I did run away into the Country, but they soon found me, and asked me to pray, and they pitied me, and loved me, and therefore I returned, not because I loved God, but because I loved my brothers: My brother said, Go dwell with the English, and learn their manners; I yeilded, because I loved my brother: I dwelt here at *Roxbury*, and came to this meeting house, but in vain, I prayed not one word, and my heart did misbelieve; I heard the Minister

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preach that there is one God, and he made the World, and all things in it, but my heart thought it was a vain word; I thought my Father made me, and not God. Again, I returned from this Town, but yet I did not pray; I heard the Commandements, *Thou ſhalt not murder*; *Thou ſhalt not commit adultery*; *Thou ſhalt not ſteal*; *Thou ſhalt not bear falſe witneſs againſt thy neighbour*; *Thou ſhalt not covet*, *&c.* and other ſins and puniſhments I heard of, and I feared to ſin becauſe of man, and becauſe of puniſhment, but not for fear of God; therefore vain were all my wayes. When I came back to *Noonantam*, I did the ſame ſins again, eſpecially I loved luſt; yea, after my praying and being among them, I loved it more then before: When the Miniſter came and taught, I went to the meeting, but in vain; I learned nothing, but I ſtill loved all our ſins and luſts: Afterward hearing the Catechiſm, *Who made you?* God. *Who redeemed you?* Jeſus Chriſt, &c. my heart misbelieved, and ſaid, I will not believe, I will go away into the Country. Again, I heard that God made all the world, and then a little I believed, and thought I will pray to God, but weak it was. Again, I heard *Mat.* 7. *Ask, and ye ſhall have, ſeek, and ye ſhall find, knock, and it ſhall be opened to you*: Then I prayed a little, and then I thought there was a God who made the whole world, I thought man could not make the world, but only God; and therefore I did pray unto him. Afterward my Brothers were ſick, and others alſo, I remembred that word, *Ask, and ye ſhall have*; then I prayed, to try if that word was true, but they dyed; then I thought that was a vain word, and that God heareth not our prayers, and that God is

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not; therefore I thought I will caſt off praying, and run away. I did not believe in God; my heart ſaid, I ſhall die, whether I pray, or not pray, all is one: Then I heard that praying was the way to Everlaſting Life, but yet I regarded not praying, I thought of running away, and yet I thought, whether I go or ſtay I ſhall die, and therefore I was troubled, but I did not pray: Afterward I was at work, and my head was broken in the Saw-pit, and then I knew God was angry with me, becauſe I prayed not; and then I did much know my ſins, I thought ſurely God is angry; I remembred that I had heard that Word preached, *Watch, for ye know not the hour that the Son of Man cometh*; this I remembred when my head was broken, I heard that God made all the world, and *Adam*, and ſet *Adam* in Paradiſe, and bid him eat of all the Trees, ſaving of the Tree in the midſt of the Garden, if he eat thereof he ſhould die; but *Adam* did eat thereof, and died; then my heart believed, ſurely God is, and he made the world, and man, and me. I heard *Gen.* 1. God ſaid, *Let us make man in our own Image, and let him have dominion over all the creatures*: Then my heart believed, ſure God is good to man, and man is a ſinner againſt God; and therefore God is angry with me for my ſins. I heard that God formed man of the duſt of the earth, and breathed into him the breath of Life; and then my heart ſaid, ſurely God made the world, and man, and me, and all things, and my heart believed: And now I know God is angry with me; now I will pray to God as long as I live, and no more return to ſin, but I will do Gods Word all my daies. Again, I heard that God made *Adam* ſleep,

and took out of him a rib, made it a woman, and brought her to man; then I thought, sure God made us, and the world, and these great works shew, that there is a God. Again, I heard that God called her the Mother of all living, and by that means we have life, and then I believed that God made us; and therefore I will pray to God as long as I live, and no more cast it off. Again, I heard *Gen. 6.* that *God saw the sin of man, that it was great, and that all the thoughts and imaginations of his heart are only evil continually; and therefore God was angry, and repented that he had made man, and therefore drowned the world, and every living creature; he caused it to rain fourty dayes on the earth*; then my heart said, sure there is a God, and he will perform all his threatnings, he is God, and therefore he will do it. Again, I heard that God found *Noah* righteous, and he found favour in his sight; he believed in God, and did obey his Word, and God saved him: Then my heart desired to believe that God is, and to pray unto him. Again, I heard *Gen. 19.* that the Angels of God came to *Lot* in *Sodom*, and delivered just *Lot*, but did burn up with the wicked *Sodomites* with fire from heaven, who had cast off praying to God, and did commit great sins against God; therefore I saw that I had deserved to be burnt, because I had done their sins: And when God sent his Angels, and did deliver just *Lot*, and then the rest were burnt, then I saw in my heart, sure God is merciful to them that love him; and therefore my heart said, I will no more return to sin, but I will follow God; but yet sometimes I doubted, but I believed the mercy of God, according to that I heard, *Mat. 1.*

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she called his Name Jesus, *for he saveth his people from their sins:* Then my heart thought, surely it is true, that Christ is the Son of God, and was made man, and is merciful; but yet I still did doubt whether Christ was the Son of God. Again, I heard *Mat.* 3. *Repent, for the Kingdome of Heaven is at hand.* And again, *The voice of one crying in the Wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make his paths straight:* My heart said, I desire to repent, and to make ready my heart for God, that I may have mercy and pardon in Christ Jesus. Again, the word saith, *The Tree that brings not forth good fruit, is cut down, and cast into the fire:* My heart said; sure so is my heart, and I have deserved to be cast into the fire; I have brought forth such fruits as may justly cut me down. Again, I heard the word of Christ, *He that heareth the Word, and doeth it, shall be blessed:* Then my heart said, I have deserved not to be pardoned, but I beg for mercy. Again, the word saith, *This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased:* My heart said, sure God is merciful to send his own Son, and Christ is merciful that he came and died for us. Again, I heard that the Tempter came to Christ, and said, *If thou be the Son of God, make these stones bread:* But Christ said, *man liveth not by bread only, but by every word which cometh out of the mouth of God:* Then I believed that Christ was the Son of God, and that my Soul liveth not by bread, but by the Word of God. Again, *Mat.* 8. the Leper came to Christ, and said, *Lord if thou wilt, thou canst make me whole, and Jesus touched him, and he was healed:* Then my heart said, surely Christ is the Son of God, and he only can heal my sins. Again, I heard in *Mat.* 6. *If ye forgive one another,*

ther, God forgiveth you: Then my heart said, I desire to do this, else God will be angry with me. Again, I heard *Mat. 9.* all diseased came to Christ, the blind, halt, *&c.* and he healed them; therefore I believed that he was the Son of God, and I begged of Christ to pardon my sins, and save me, because sure he is Christ the Son of God. Again, the word saies, *Not every one that saith Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdome, but he that doth the will of my Father*: Then my heart said, I do fear, because I do very weakly obey the Word of God; and therefore Christ saith, *Depart ye workers of iniquity*: My heart said, such an one am I, but now I cry to, and trust to Christ, to pardon all my sins. Again, I heard *Mat.* 11. that Christ said *Capernaum* was lifted up to heaven by the Gospel, but should be cast down to hell, for refusing it: I thought I did now pray, if I now fall off I shall perish. And again, Christ saith, *It shall be easier for* Tyre *and* Sidon *in that day*: Then my heart said, I have deserved the worst of Gods wrath, for I believed not the great works of God; and therefore I desire pardon of all my sins, and to forsake all my sins, and to pray to Christ as long as I live. Again, I heard *Mat. 5. That Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but not one jot or tittle of the Word of God, but all shall be fulfilled*: Therefore my heart did desire, that I may both hear and do the Word of God, which will never perish. Again, I heard *Mat. 16.* Christ saith, *Who say ye that I am?* Peter said, *Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God*; Christ said, *Blessed art thou* Peter, *flesh and blood hath not revealed this to thee, but my Father, and on this Rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it*: Therefore my

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heart believed that God helped me to receive Christ, and I desire to take that promise to *Peter*, and my heart joyed more and more in Christ, and in the Word of God. Again, I heard *Mat. 26. Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it, and said, Take eat, this is my body which is broken for you, and likewise the Cup, &c. saying, This is my blood in the New Testament, which was shed for remission of sins, &c.* My heart said, sure Christ is full of love, and hath given us great mercy, and I desire to partake of it. Again, the wicked did kill Christ, but he rose again, and ascended to heaven; then my heart believed Christ. Again, I heard *John 14. No man cometh to the Father, but by me:* My heart said, so be it Lord; I desire to come to God by Christ; and I said, Why did the wicked kill Christ? My heart said, I believe that Christ died for my sin; and therefore I desire to believe in Christ: Then my heart did joy in Christ, and to hear the Word of God; but yet to this day I have doubts in my heart, my heart is weak to this day: And now I know that in six daies God made the world, and before that God I desire to confess my sins, and forsake them, and no more to do them. Sometimes my heart is in an ill frame, and loveth sin, and my heart hateth good; therefore I desire the free Mercy of Christ to hold and keep my Soul.

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When he had finiſhed, and I had read before the aſſembly this confeſſion of his, we called upon the witneſſes to co-atteſt. Who did in the ſame order as before expreſs themſeves to the like purpoſe. Only when we called for Tho: Stanton *his* ſonnes, *they were not preſent, nor did they any more appeare in the Congregation, to atteſt the* Indians *confeſſions all the day.*

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He was next called forth, and thus ſpake.

I Confeſs my ſinnes before the Lord, and his people this day. While my Father lived, and I was young, I was at play, and my Father rebuked me, and ſaid, we ſhall all die ſhortly. [In private we asked him what ground or reaſon moved his Father ſo to ſpeak? he anſwered, it was when the Engliſh were new come over, and he thinketh that his Father had heard that Mr *Wilſon* had ſpoken of the flood of *Noah*, how God drowned all the world for the ſinnes of the people.] Then I was troubled, and thought ſure what God ſaith, ſhall be, and not what man ſaith; but I quickly forgot this, and thought not of any good. That ſame Winter the pox came; all my kindred died, only

ly my Mother and I lived, we came to *Cohannit*, by *Dorchester*, where I lived till I was a man, and married. All those daies I sinned, and prayed to all gods, and did as others did; there I lived till the Minister came to teach us. When I heard that they prayed, my heart desired it not. Sometime I prayed among them, and sometime I neglected it. I feared to pray because of the *Sachems*, therefore I put it off, for the fear of man. Afterward I considered in my heart, to pray to God, not because I loved the word, but for other reasons. I heard that Word, Mal. 1. *From the rising of the Sun to the going down thereof, my name shall be great among the Gentiles, and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering, for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts.* Then I was troubled in my thoughts about running away, yet then I thought if I should go to another place, they must pray also, and therefore I cannot flie from praying to God, therefore I tarried, and when others prayed, I prayed with them, only I still feared man; after I heard the same word again, to perswade us to pray to God; and I did so, but not for Gods sake, only it was before man. I remembred the Sabbath, and I heard Mr *Mathews* also preach of it, and therefore I thought I would keep the Sabbath, but still I feared man. Upon a Sabbath, they wished me to teach what I remembred, that the Minister had taught. I did so, and we had talk about what I said, and we fell out. Thereupon I went away, and left praying to God. I went into the Countrey, but I remembred my wife and children, and quickly returned, but not for Gods sake. Again the Minister

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preached on 1 *Chron.* 28. 9. *And thou Solomon my son know the God of thy Fathers, and serve him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind, for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imagination of the thoughts; if thou seek him, he will be found of thee, but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.* This greatly troubled me, because I had left praying to God, and I had deserved eternall wrath. Then I desired to pray, I begged mercy, but I knew not what to do, for my sins were many, my heart was full of originall sin, and my heart was often full of anger; but then I was angry at my self, for I found my heart quickly carried after sin. Afterward, through the free mercy of God, I heard that word, *He that penitently believeth in Christ shall be pardoned and saved;* then my heart did beg earnestly for pardon and mercy. I heard *Joh.* 15. *Whatever ye ask the Father in my name, he will give it you;* therefore my heart did now greatly beg for mercy in Christ and pardon. Afterward I heard *Mat.* 5. 28. *Who ever looketh upon a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery in his heart.* Then my heart was troubled, because many were my sins, in my eies, and heart, and actions too. My heart did love the having of two wives, and other lusts of that kind: Then Satan said to me, You are a great sinner, and God will not pardon you, therefore cast off praying, and run away, it is a vain thing for you to pray. Here you want land, but in the Countrey there is land enough, and riches abundance, therefore pray no more. My heart did almost like it, but I heard that word, *Mat.* 4. *Satan tempted Christ, and shewed him the Kingdoms of the world, and the glory thereof, and promised to give them to him, if he would worship him.*

him. Then my heart ſaid, that even thus Satan tempteth me to caſt off praying to God; and therefore my heart deſired to believe that word of Chriſt, *Thou ſhalt worſhip the Lord thy God, and him only ſhalt thou ſerve.* Then I prayed again, but ſtill I was full of ſin, and very weak I was, and I loved ſin. Again I heard, *Joh.* 14. *I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me.* Then I fully ſaw that Chriſt only is our Redeemer, and Saviour, and I deſire to believe in Chriſt; and my heart ſaid, that nothing that I can do can ſave me, only Chriſt: therefore I beg for Chriſt, and a part in him. Then ſaid my heart, I give my heart and my ſelf to Chriſt, and my wife and children, let him do with us what he will. Then my mother and two children died, and my heart ſaid, What Chriſt will do, ſo be it; I have given them to him, and I begged pardon and mercy, if God will pleaſe to pardon me a poor ſinner, bleſſed be his name.

When I had read this Confeſſion in the Aſſembly, we called upon the witneſſes, as before we did, whoſe anſwer was like as before it was.

John Speen

Hee was next called forth, and thus ſpake.

I Confeſs my ſins this day before the Lord, and not only before God, but before all theſe people. Before I prayed, verily I was a great ſinner, yea, in my mothers womb I was a ſinner: my ſins are ſuch as not

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only God knows, but people also know them. Before our praying, I did thorowly sin, and did commit all sins; and now I confess these my sins before God. After I prayed, I did also live in sin. At first when I prayed, I did not worship God, nor believe in Christ, but I did therefore pray, because my brothers, and friends, and *Waban*, and the rest did pray, for their sakes I prayed. And again I therefore prayed, because many *English* knew me, that I might please them; and because I saw the *English* took much ground, and I thought if I prayed, the *English* would not take away my ground, for these causes I prayed. When I prayed, it was but with my mouth, yet I thought I do well enough in that I pray thus, and I thought, that for it God will pardon all my sins; and I thought that my praying was good enough. But yet again I sinned, and did the like sins as before, only I did outwardly pray, but I mourned not for my sins. I thought, if we pray and leave Pauwauing, who shall make us well when we are sick. But again, I thought man could not make us well, because he must die himself, and therefore Pauwauing is a vain thing, and they die though they Pauwau. But still my heart did not believe praying to God: then I heard that word, *Repent and believe; and if we repent and believe, God will pardon all our sins.* Then sometimes I repented, yet again quickly I committed sin; and sometimes I thought I am throughly a sinner. I heard that God made the world, and all things in it, and lastly man, and that God formed him of the dust of the earth, and breathed into him the breath of life, and he became a living soul, and that God made a Covenant with *Adam*, that he should

ſhould eat of all the Trees of the Garden, ſave one in the midſt of the Garden, and if he eat of that Tree, he ſhould die. Then I underſtood that *Adam* ſinned, & fell, and thereby I uneerſtood that I became a ſinner, born in ſin, my heart full of ſin, and God will not pardon ſinners; and yet again I ſinned, and therefore I feared that God will not pardon me, becauſe more and more I ſinned: and thus I ſinned after praying, as well as before praying. When they choſe Rulers, and choſe my brother, and not me, my heart was in an evil frame, and then I thought ſure I am a great ſinner, and yet ſtill I was more and more a ſinner. After my brothers loved me ſtill, and then I repented of my ſins, but not for Gods ſake, but for my brothers ſake; then I deſired to pray as long as I live. My brother died, which troubled me; the people ſaid, Be you in your brothers place: then my heart thought, I will no more do as I had done, but ſure I was weak, my praying was but words, I was a great ſinner. After this, a while ſince I heard that word, Mat. 12. *The unclean ſpirit being caſt out of a man, he walketh about ſeeking reſt and findeth none; then hee returneth and bringeth 7 other ſpirits with him worſe then himſelf, and the end of that man is worſe then his beginning.* When I heard this, my heart feared. I thought now I repent of my many ſins, for verily I am a great ſinner, & I have offended, I am 7 times worſe then before I prayed; then I repented.

Again I heard that Word, *He that penitently believeth ſhall be ſaved*, and then my heart did deſire to repent and believe, then I thought that men will not forgive me, and therefore it is not good to abide in this place, but I remembred that I had learned to read the Word,

and if I ſhould forſake my friends, I ſhould loſe the Word of God. Then I heard that Word, *Repent, for the Kingdome of Heaven is at hand*, my heart ſaid ô let it be ſo, and then my heart reſted; but yet quickly it was unquiet again. Then I did ſtrongly deſire to repent of my ſinnes. I heard that Word, that *God Sowed good ſeed, but evill ſeed was ſowen by the Enemy*, and ſuch were in my heart, and as in my field there were many roots, and weeds which ſpoyled the corne, and I plucked them up, and caſt them out; my heart ſaid, verily juſt ſo is my heart, the Word is but a little in my heart, and there be many ill roots in me, and therefore God may juſtly caſt me out from among his people, becauſe of my many ſinnes. Then my heart ſaid, I deſire to pray to God as long as I live, and now I forſake my ſins, who have been a great ſinner. Now I beg of Chriſt, O give me thy ſpirit, that I may confeſs my ſins before God, and not only before men; again I remember that I cannot pardon or help my ſelf, but only Chriſt muſt help me. Again I heard that Word, *All manner of ſin ſhall be forgiven to a man, but the ſin againſt the Holy Ghoſt, ſhall not be forgiven in this world, nor in the world to come.* Then my heart feared, becauſe many and great were my ſins ſince I prayed to God, and I cried to God for mercy and pardon: and then I thought I will pray to God as long as I live. But verily I am a ſinner, for I am guilty not only of *Adams* ſin, but of my own ſins alſo, and they are many. I remember that in Catechiſme I learn, that God made a Covenant of works with *Adam*, *Do the Commands, and thou ſhalt live, and thy ſeed alſo; but if thou ſin, thou ſhalt die, and thy ſeed alſo*; therefore by that I

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know I am a sinner, and have deserved to die. Then I crie to God, O God have mercy upon me, and pardon me. Again, I heard of the mercy of God, but I am forgetfull, and cannot remember Gods mercies to me. God made a Covenant with *Abraham* and said, *I will be thy God, and the God of thy seed after thee*, then my heart said, O let it be so to me O Lord. And now *Abraham* is in heaven, who believed, and kept Gods Covenant; So I, if I believe and keep Gods Covenant, God will have mercy on me. I remembred the Covenant of Circumcision to him, and all his family; and such a Covenant I desire for me and mine. Again I heard, Mat. 3. In those daies *John* baptized in *Jordan:* saying, *Repent for the Kingdome of God is at hand.* When I heard this my heart said, the same is now with us, not *Abrahams* signe but baptisme, and therefore I desire to repent, and Confess before God, and before the Church: and I desire not only to confess, but to have repentance, and faith, that I may have grace, mercy, and pardon: and such repentance as workes obedience. Again, the same Word saith, vers. *6. They were baptized confessing their sins*; So I desire to do. I do confess before God, and desire to cast off, and forsake my sins, and to go to Christ. The promise of pardon is to them that penitently believe, and rest on Christ. In the same Baptism of *John*, he said, *I baptize you with water, but he that cometh after me, is mightier then I, he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire.* Now this Baptism I desire, and not to receive the signe in vain: I desire to purge out evill thoughts, and therefore I confess these sins before God, that they may be purged, and I desire the spirit of God

may dwell in me for ever, to turn me to Christ. I cannot of my self do any of these things; but only Christ Jesus can by his spirit in me.

Again I heard another word, *As the Eagles are about a carkass, so believers come to Christ*: then my heart said, So be it Oh Lord; when I receive the Covenant of God, I am like the Eagles; when I come to Christ, I desire not to come in vain; but if I feed not, I shall die, my soul will die. Then I greatly begged that I might feed my soul on Christ; and Oh Christ send thy spirit into my heart, that I may not only know, but do the Word of God. Again, *Christ, near his death, took bread, and blest it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take yee, eat yee, this is my Body which was broken for you:* And so also he did the Cup, *and said, Drink yee of it, this is the Cup of my blood in the New Testament which is shed for the remission of sins.* Now this bellevers in Christ must do, not only to eat Bread, and to take the Sign, but soul food: therefore Christ sending his spirit, and helping me, I desire to receive the Sign, not in vain, but to help my faith.

When I had read this Confession in the Assembly, we called upon the witnesses, (as before wee did) whose answer was to the like purpose as before.

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He was next called forth, who thus ſpake.

HElp me Oh Jeſus Chriſt, to confeſs before the Lord; Oh I am full of ſin, becauſe *Adams* ſin made mine, and ſo was a ſinner in my mothers womb. When I was a youth I found many ſins, and after I was grown up, I did the ſame alwaies, all the daies of my life I lived in ſin. After the Engliſh came, I went to their houſes; they would teach me about God, but I hated it, and went out, I did not love ſuch teaching. Afterward the Miniſter taught, and at firſt *Waban* perſwaded me to pray, and taught us; I did not at firſt like it, yet afterward I did. Four years the Miniſter came to *Noonantam*; I came, but I only came, I loſt all he taught. After I conſidered one word; the Miniſter ſaid, That God ſent him to teach us; then I thought ſurely there is a God, therefore I muſt believe and pray: a little I believed, but when I heard, I did only outwardly hear. After, my wife and children died, and then I almoſt caſt off praying. I had another wife, and ſhe died alſo; and then my heart ſaid, Surely God is angry with me, who doth thus afflict me. Then I heard that word, *Mat.* 22. God made a Feaſt, and invited his Gueſts, and they would not come, and therefore God was angry with them: So did I; for I came not to the Word of God, when he called me, I cared not for the Feaſt of Chriſt. Again, after many of my friends were deſtroyed, I thought

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it was becauſe they prayed not to God, therefore I feared that God is angry with me alſo, becauſe of his puniſhments. I fear, I believe not Chriſt; and my heart feareth, becauſe of my ſins; daily I break Gods Commands. Another Word I heard, Mat. 5. *Bleſſed are they who hunger and thirſt after righteouſneſs, for they ſhall be ſatisfied*; this is the Word of Chriſt, and I deſire to hunger for Chriſt, and begged O Chriſt help me. Again, I remembred that Word, *Bleſſed are the pure in heart, for they ſhall ſee God*; my heart ſaith, O Chriſt help me to be ſo, that cleane may be my heart. Again, I heard that Word, *Bleſſed are the peace-makers, for they ſhall be called the Children of God*; then my heart thought, O that I had peace with God in Chriſt, that I might have that bleſſing; and therefore I now confeſs my ſins before God, and I beg mercy from God in Jeſus Chriſt. When I had read this ſhort confeſſion, (for the day ſpent, and brevity was called for) we called upon the witneſſes who ſpake as formerly.

Monotunkquanit.

He was next called, who thus ſpake.

I Have heard the word, and prayed to God ſeveral yeares. And I confeſs that before I prayed, I was full of ſin, and yet I do not know my ſins. I thought they were all good waies, and therefore I did them. I knew not the Sabbath, nor Lecture daies, nor any good, only I knew wild Actions, daily I deſired falſhood, vile

vile actions, ſinging *Indian* ſongs, theſe things I deſired to do: but all good things I was ignorant of, and very much I ſinned, daily. Then I heard of praying to God. I came to *Cohannit* at *Dorcheſter*, from *Nipmuk* where I lived, but my heart laughed at praying, and ſaid its a vain action, only thoſe actions that I was bred up in, I liked and eſteemed, but theſe new things I derided. The *Sachims* diſliked it, and therefore ſo did I. The rich men diſliked it, and therefore ſo did I. I believed not, that God is; I went to *Cohannit*, not for praying, but to gather clams: When I came thither, they exhorted me to pray: and ſaid, The Miniſter cometh to morrow to teach, it is lecture day. I deſired to ſee him: he came, they met together. I went, and carried my ſon *Samuel*: I ſaw the Miniſter, he called my ſon; asked him, *Who made you*; they bid him ſay *God*; but I had not ſo taught him. He asked, whoſe ſon he was, they ſaid mine: he ſaid, *do you pray to God?* I ſaid no, for I am a poore man, and naked: they that pray are cloathed. Therefore I will not pray, can poore men pray? Therefore I would not pray: I went home. Then *Waban* and *Totherſwamp* came to my houſe, and taught me to pray. They intreated me, now pray *to God*; My heart liked it not. They ſaid, *God is a great God, and made all the World.* I ſaid, who is witneſs of that? They ſaid, the Miniſter will anſwer you. Again, *they taught me the Commandments of God*; but I did not believe. *Totherſwamp* promiſed to come again, he did ſo; and ſaid, *now pray to God*, becauſe *God is good.* I thought it a teadious thing to pray to God. Then he ſtrongly intreated me: I ſaid I will try; but not for praying, but in vain. Then my kindred ſaid,

praying is a vain thing, why will you pray? therefore returne again: then I went, and prayed. When I first came, *Waban* taught that Word. *The night is farre spent, the day is at hand, therefore let us cast off the works of darkneſs, and let us put on the Armour of light.* My heart asked what are dark workes? They answered, *ſinnes*; and what is day? they answered, *praying to God*, and the wiſdome of the Word *is light*: And this is now almoſt come unto us. Then my heart ſmile, I will pray to God. Again, I heard the Miniſter who ſaid, theſe words, *Thou ſhalt have no other Gods but me; thou ſhalt not make to thy ſelfe any graven Image, nor the likeneſs of any thing in Heaven above, in the earth below, in the waters under the earth: thou ſhalt not bow down to them, nor worſhip them*; Then my heart ſaid, that I did worſhip many falſe gods, therefore if I pray, it may be God will kill me: but they ſaid no, he is a good God; then I prayed, and then my kindred hindred me. Therefore my heart ſaid, If my kindred pray, then I will pray. Then I was taught more, and I did heare the Word, that *God made Adam of the duſt, and made him ſleep, and took out a rib, and made a woman*, and thus God made man. My heart ſaid, It may be God made Engliſh men, but not us poore naked men, as we are of a ſtrange language; and therefore I doubted to pray. Then I heard of *Nimrod* his building of *Babel*, and that God was angry, made ſtrange to each other their language, and brake their work: Then my heart ſaid, Surely ſo it is, as I did believe. Againe I heard, that *God found one man juſt, Noah, and ſaved him in his Ark, and did drown the world*: then my heart ſaid, I deſire that God may find many juſt perſons with us, therefore

therefore I pray to God: then I more prayed. Again I heard, *that God made a Covenant with Abraham and his seed, to be their God.* My heart said, so let it be: I desire to be in this Covenant of God, and to pray so long as I live. I thought, if I do well, God will pardon all my sinnes: the Minister said no; If you do all good, as perfectly, yet God will not pardon: God will pardon, only *for Jesus Christ his sake.* Then I believed *Jesus Christ was both God and man, and made peace betwixt God and man: Christ* did for us *all the Commandments of God, and died for us, he payed death for us;* and therefore for his sake God will pardon us, if we believe in Christ. I heard that which Mat. 7. *Ask and ye shall have, seek and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened, &c.* Then my heart said, I will pray as long as I live, and knock at heaven dore. Again I heard that word, *Enter in at the streight gate, &c.* My heart said, Sure it is so, *narrow and hard is the way to Heaven, broad and easy is the way to hell;* I desire to walk in the narrow way to heaven. Again, *Christ died for us,* and thereby saveth us; and saith, *Come to me all that are weary, and I will give you rest.* Then my heart said, Great is my wearinesse, for many are my sinnes, and I desire rest in Christ. I heard that Christ only is our redeemer and Saviour, my heart did much joy in it; and I desired to pray and heare the Word as long as I live. Another Word of Christ I heard, *Whoever forsaketh father or mother, or brother or lands for my sake, &c.* My heart said, ô Lord let it be so, I have for Christ his sake left all, and come to pray. And I desire now to confesse before the Church of *Roxbury*, and do submit to your government, and Gods Ordinances among you. He was going on, but

ſhortneſs of time made me take him off. When I had read this confeſſion, and the witneſſes had ſpoke as before, ſome of the Elders preſent, did move that ſeeing there be two more to ſpeak, and the time ſtreight; and ſeeing Mr *Peirſon* had in private taken in writing their confeſſions, which they perceived by his teſtimony, to be for ſubſtance the ſame which they expreſſed in publick; What if the Aſſembly ſhould heare Mr *Peirſon* read thoſe two remaining confeſſions, according as he had taken them? The motion was acceptable to the Aſſembly, and he did read them, which are as followeth.

Piumbuhhou.

Firſt, THis I ſay in the preſence of God, and in your preſence, Verily I knew not how or what to confeſs of God, before I prayed. I knew not who gave me life and being, but I thought my life was of my ſelf. I confeſs I was born in ſin, my Parents were ſinners, and I thought I had life from none but my Parents, therefore my ſins were very great: from the firſt time that I ſaw light, untill this day, I do nothing elſe but ſin; hard is my heart, proud is my heart, and hypocriticall: I do hypocriticall acts, to this day. I act fooliſhly, and deceitfully; therefore ſo many are my ſinnes, that I am not able to expreſs them; only this I ſay, that I am naught. Then I heard that *Waban* prayed, and they ſaid to me, pray to God: but I hated it, for I had a wife, and many children, and therefore

fore I cared not for praying. I thought if they were any of them ſick, the *Pauwaus* could make them well, therefore I believed not *Waban*, when he exhorted me to pray to God. Then my wife and children died: then my afflicted poore heart came in, and the Miniſter came to me and ſaid, pray to God, becauſe *God afflicteth and tryeth you*; my heart ſaid, when the Miniſter ſpake to me, let it be as you ſay, that God may ſhew me that mercy: then my heart ſaid, I will pray to God, from henceforth, as long as I live. Then I heard the Miniſter Preach of the great works of God, *in making Heaven and Earth*, and therefore fear the great puniſhments of God; and becauſe my heart ſo feared, and condemned me, therefore I did believe that God is, who had puniſhed me, and took away my children. Again, I heard from Mat. 5. *Chriſt* ſaith, *Bleſſed are the poore in ſpirit, for theirs is the Kingdome of God: and bleſſed are the mercifull, for they ſhall find mercy*; my heart ſaid, I am a poore man, and therefore I will pray to God ſo long as I live: and I deſire to find mercy with God. Again, now my heart ſaith, I am weak and doubting, and full of misbelief. Again, I heard that Word of Chriſt, which ſaith, *Come unto me all yee that are weary and heavy laden, and yee ſhall find reſt*; my heart ſaid, be it ſo O Lord: and now I will pray to God, as long as I live; my heart ſaid, ſurely I am greatly laden with many, and great ſins: and therefore I will go to Chriſt, and pray unto him, as long as I live. Again, Chriſt ſaith, *Take up my burden, and learne of me, for I am humble and meeke*; then my heart ſaid, ſurely I am a great ſinner, and therefore I deſire to learne of Chriſt, and to follow him. Again

Christ saith, *Yee shall find rest to your soul*; and therefore my soul desired to pray as long as I live, that I may find rest to my soul in Christ. Again, my heart did gladly hear the Word of Christ, and the great redemption of Christ. Again, I learned in a Catechism, that Christ sendeth his Spirit into my heart, to break it, to make it repent, to convert me, to cause me to believe: my heart said, therefore I desire to pray to God, and to believe for pardon, and adoption, and peace with God. Then hearing of the mercy of Christ, my heart said, I am like a dead man, and therefore I desire to be with Christ as long as I live: my heart did not know how to Convert, and turn to God, therefore my heart did gladly pray to God for it; my heart did desire to pray, because I heard, Christ is our redeemer, and doth deliver our soules. I cannot deliver my selfe, therefore I desire that Christ may be my deliverer: therefore I betrust my soul with Christ as long as I live; and because Christ is my mercifull God, therefore let him do with my soul what he will.

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When Mr Peirſon *had read this Confeſſion, he was deſired to go on, and read the laſt, which was* Wabans *Confeſſion, and is as followeth.*

Waban.

Firſt, I Confeſs, that before I prayed, it was hard to love another faſhion then my old courſe: my Parents were ſinners, and in my Mothers belly I was in ſin: after I was born, the ſame way of ſin I followed. When I was a child I grew up in ſin, and I did not know that they were ſins, but now of late I know them; in my youth alſo, in the ſame ſins I lived, and did not know them to be ſo, but by the remembrance of my waies, I do remember my ſins, and hereby I am made to underſtand, that my Parents taught me to love ſin. And after they were dead, others taught me to ſin: I liked to be taught to commit ſin; thoſe that taught me, ſaid to me, Chooſe to be a Pauwau: they ſaid, If you be a Pauwau, you may make others to live; and if you be a Pauwau, God will bleſſe you, and make you rich, and a man like God. Then I deſired ſo to do: alſo I alwaies deſired other ſins, for my heart did deſire to grow up in thoſe ſins, alwaies luſt I deſired, alwaies my heart labored and deſired to know how to adde to, and to multiply my ſins. Thus it came to paſs that I knew abundance

dance of ſins, before I knew my waies were ſin. When the Engliſh came hither, they ſaid, when I came to the Engliſt houſes, that I loved the Devil: then I was very angry, and my words were, You know the Devil: I do not know the Devil, and preſently I would go out of the houſe. Sometime they ſpake meekly to me, and would ſay, God is in heaven, and he is a good God: yet I regarded not theſe words, but ſtrongly I loved my ſins: it was hard for me to believe what the Engliſh ſaid: after many yeares, I ſometime believed a word, but I left not my ſin. When I began to underſtand more, I began to doubt, but I deſired not Converſion from ſin. Afterward, when the Engliſh taught me, I would ſit ſtill, becauſe they would give me good victuals; then I ſometimes thought, certainly God is in heaven: then my thoughts ſaid, It may be I have ſinned.

Again I thought, if I prayed, God could not underſtand mee; then I found it hard to believe, and love God, becauſe I was almoſt an old man, becauſe I thought, if any could read the book, he would love God. I asked Mr *Jackſon*, Whether God knew our language? Hee anſwered, Yea: God knoweth all languages in the world, and therefore now pray unto God; then I firſt thought, I will pray unto God; a little I thought of praying; ſometimes I would a little pray when I eat; about that time you came to teach us; then I remembred the Word, *Glad tidings was ſent us from Heaven*; then my heart ſaid, Now I will pray, becauſe the Miniſter is come to my houſe, now I heard the Word of God. Then you called the Children to Catechiſm: and one queſtion

ſtion is, *Who redeemed you?* then you taught, that *Chriſt died for our ſinnes.* Then my heart thought, that Chriſt is a very great life-giving God. Then I feared not Pauwaus, nor loved them; and the Miniſter taught, that we muſt take heed of all theſe ſins. Then my heart ſaid, I will leave off my ſins; and again my heart ſaid, I will pray to God as long as I live. Further you taught, that *Chriſt died for ſin, was buryed, roſe again, aſcended*: then my heart hoped and deſired, Oh that it might be ſo, that I might have eternall life by Chriſt, becauſe Chriſt is a great life-giving God. But then I found that I did not underſtand right words, and therefore I walked not in the right way: when the Word of God ſaid, *Six dates ſhalt thou labour*, then I was ſtrong, yet I did not labour; and I was ſoon weary of praying to God: and therefore I ſaw, I found not the right way unto righteouſneſs; therefore now I verily ſee that I am a ſinner, and did not believe: my heart feared becauſe of my great ſins, and my heart feareth that I do not yet much know the Word of God. Sometime my heart ſaith I believe, I am a believer: but my heart wandereth away, and the deceits of my heart I ſometime know, and my poverty I know, but my heart careth not for that; I reject riches, but my heart ſaith ſtrongly, I will pray to God ſo long as I live; I do not througly know the vanity of my mind. I have heard the Word but believed it not. I remember that Word of Chriſt, the *Phariſees* ſaid, *Why doth your Maſter eat with Publicans and ſinners*: Chriſt ſaid, *Thoſe that are not ſick need not the Phyſitian, but they that are ſick.* My heart ſaid, ſure I do not need the Phyſitian: but my deſire is now, that

I may need him, and ſpirituall life by him. Again, I heard that Word of Chriſt, *A leper came to Chriſt, and worſhiped him, ſaying, Lord if thou wilt, thou canſt make me cleane: and Chriſt touched him, and he was perfectly healed.* Then my heart ſaid, that outward healing which he had, my ſoul deſireth, that I may have it in my ſoul: for Chriſt healeth the outward diſeaſes of the body, but eſpecially the inward filth of the ſoul; this I deſire may be healed. Again I heard that Word, go learn what that meaneth, *I deſire mercy and not ſacrifice: I came not to call the righteous, but ſinners to repentance.* Then my heart ſaid, my own righteouſneſs cannot obtain mercy for me; then my heart ſaid, Oh I fear that Chriſt the trueſt righteouſneſs is not in my heart: I am almoſt ready to die; and now I deſire to know Chriſt.

WHen Mr *Peirſon* had done reading theſe two laſt Confeſſions. Mr *Wilſon* ſpake to this purpoſe, though they have all ſpoken well of Jeſus Chriſt, in their Confeſſions, and eſpecially the laſt viz: *Monotunkanit*, yet he deſired further to heare how they were inſtructed in the knowledge of Chriſt. This queſtion touching Chriſt, I called *Piumbathon* to anſwer, and his anſwer was to ſatisfaction: and then many other Catecheticall queſtions were propounded, which would be too long to rehearſe, as touching Grace, Ordinances, Sacraments, Baptiſme and the Lords Supper: about Repentance and Faith, all which they readily anſwered, & ſo as that there was no reply.

Niſhohkon,

Niſhohkou, anſwered the queſtion what Faith is, Mr *Allin* asked him, whether he had that Faith in his heart, which he now ſpake off; to which after a pauſe, he anſwered to this purpoſe, that he feared himſelf about it, and if he ſpake, he muſt ſay no! but he hoped in the Lords mercy that he would work it in him, and help him to believe.

Then Mr *Danforth* ſaid, I ask you *Niſhohkou* this queſtion, and anſwer me in Engliſh whether the ſame luſts which you have ſo much confeſſed, do not follow you ſtill; and what you do to reſiſt them? I ſaid that a queſtion to the like purpoſe was asked him, when he made Confeſſion in private, to which he anſwered in broken Engliſh, if the Aſſembly pleaſed I would read that: but he was deſired to anſwer now, and his anſwer was to this purpoſe; that the Word of God is all one like a ſword: and he did with that, reſiſt his temptations. He was asked further, if he did diligently watch againſt his ſins: he anſwered, he did not well know what a diligent watch is, but he hoped that Jeſus Chriſt would keep him.

Then Mr *Danforth* called *Anthony* and asked him, whether he believed that it was the duty of men, to labour ſix daies in the week? After a pauſe, he anſwered, he believed it was Gods command, but he confeſſed he did not obey it ſo much as he ought to do; and ſaith Mr *Danforth*, that I would have asked you next, whether you obey it, for you ought to do ſo; and follow labour, and cloath your ſelfe and family better, and you ought to give towards the maintenance of Gods Ordinances. After this I remember no more queſtions.

Then I declared to the Congregation, that they having heard their Confeſſions; if they thought meet, they might hear what teſtimonies we have to produce touching their Converſation, but it went not forward, and ſo we ceaſed the work, and Reverend Mr *Wilſon* concluded with prayer. After the publick meeting, the meſſengers of the Churches met together, and conſidered what anſwer to give to our Church: and the vote among them all was, that as touching their Confeſſions, which was the work of the day, they were ſatisfactory, and they appeared in that reſpect, to be fit matter for Church eſtate.

The End.

THese are to testify to all men whom it may concern, That two of five *Indian* youths, viz. *Cales* and *Ioel*, that are instructed and educated in the Grammer School at *Cambridge*, were publiquely examined at the Commencement in *Cambridge* (mon. 6. 9. 59.) concerning their progress in the learning of the Latine Tongue, out of *Buchanans* Translation of *Davids* Psalmes, and they gave good satisfaction unto our selves, and also to the Honorable Magistrates, and Reverend Elders that were present, and others that were judicious, as we have had opportunity

nity to inquire off: and we conceive, that the other three *Indian* Youths, that are trained up in the ſame School, have made ſome competent proficiency, for the ſhort time that they have been with us: In witneſs whereof we have ſubſcribed our hands.

Camb. *Sept.* 6. 1659.

Charles Chauncy Præſident of *Haward* Colledge in *Cambridge.*

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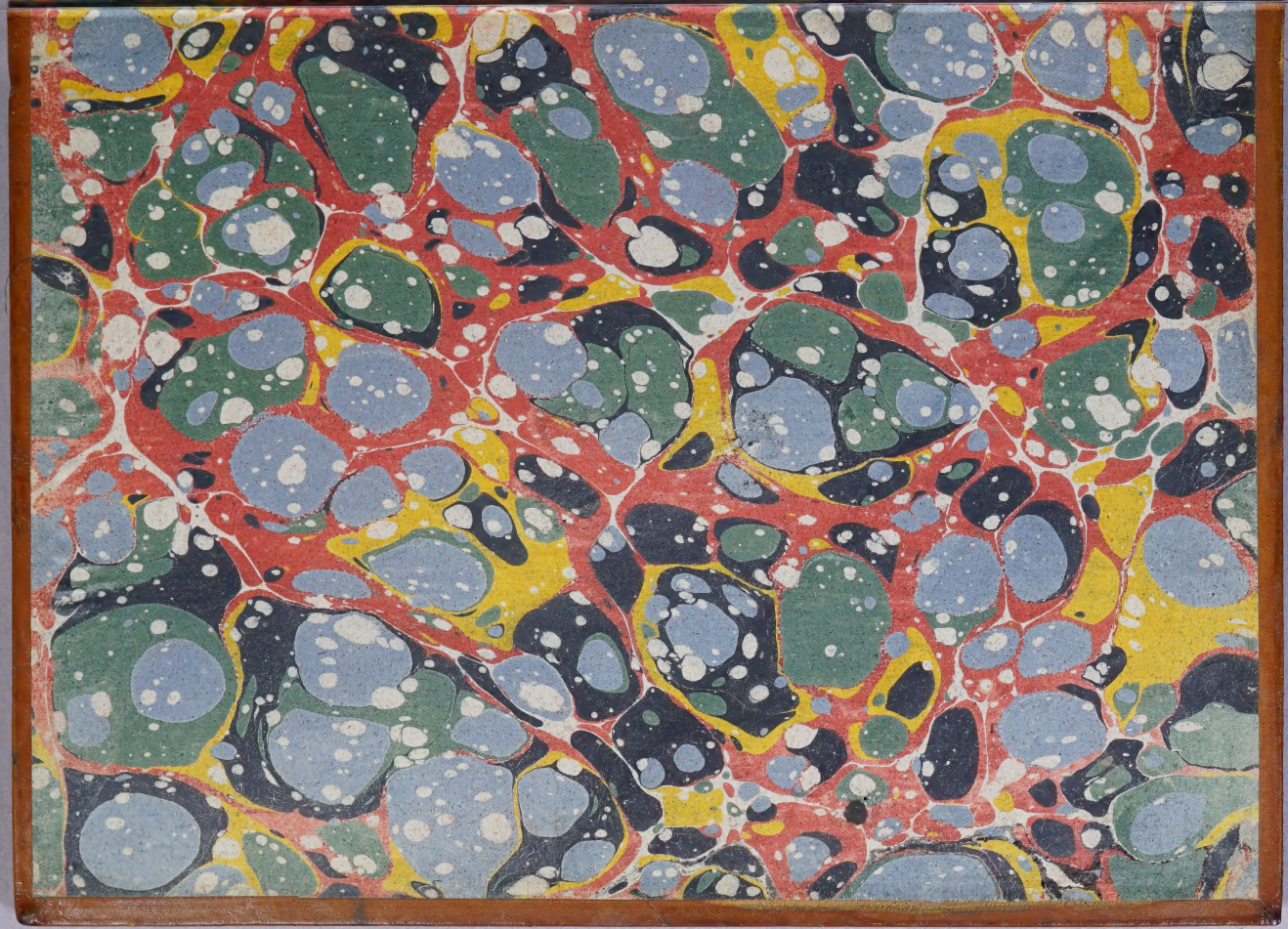

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